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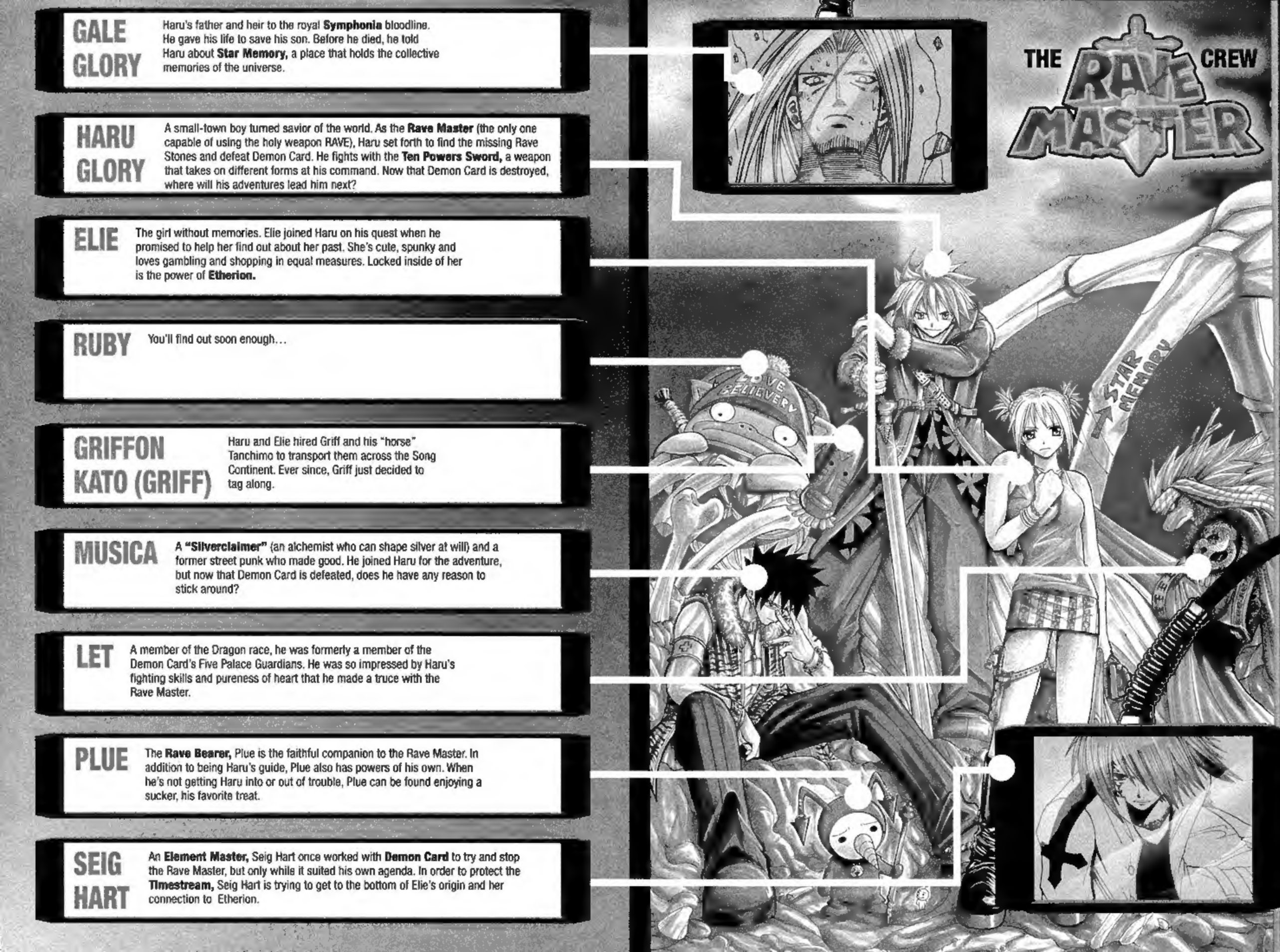

GALE GLORY Haru's father and heir to the royal **Symphonia** bloodline. He gave his life to save his son. Before he died, he told Haru about **Star Memory,** a place that holds the collective memories of the universe.

HARU GLORY A small-town boy turned savior of the world. As the **Rave Master** (the only one capable of using the holy weapon RAVE), Haru set forth to find the missing Rave Stones and defeat Demon Card. He fights with the **Ten Powers Sword,** a weapon that takes on different forms at his command. Now that Demon Card is destroyed, where will his adventures lead him next?

ELIE The girl without memories. Elie joined Haru on his quest when he promised to help her find out about her past. She's cute, spunky and loves gambling and shopping in equal measures. Locked inside of her is the power of **Etherion.**

RUBY You'll find out soon enough...

GRIFFON KATO (GRIFF) Haru and Elie hired Griff and his "horse" Tanchimo to transport them across the Song Continent. Ever since, Griff just decided to tag along.

MUSICA A **"Silverclaimer"** (an alchemist who can shape silver at will) and a former street punk who made good. He joined Haru for the adventure, but now that Demon Card is defeated, does he have any reason to stick around?

LET A member of the Dragon race, he was formerly a member of the Demon Card's Five Palace Guardians. He was so impressed by Haru's fighting skills and pureness of heart that he made a truce with the Rave Master.

PLUE The **Rave Bearer,** Plue is the faithful companion to the Rave Master. In addition to being Haru's guide, Plue also has powers of his own. When he's not getting Haru into or out of trouble, Plue can be found enjoying a sucker, his favorite treat.

SEIG HART An **Element Master,** Seig Hart once worked with **Demon Card** to try and stop the Rave Master, but only while it suited his own agenda. In order to protect the **Timestream,** Seig Hart is trying to get to the bottom of Elie's origin and her connection to Etherion.

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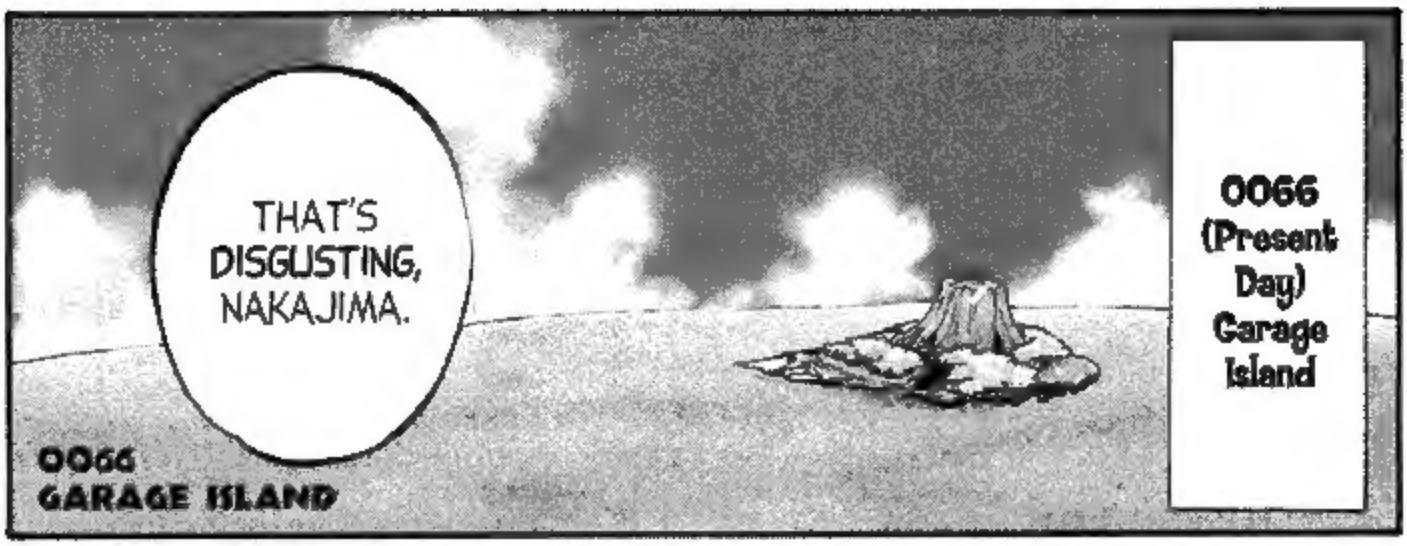
RAVE0015 KNIGHTS OF KINGDOM PART 1


THAT'S DISGUSTING, NAKAJIMA.
0066 (Present Day) Garage Island
0066 GARAGE ISLAND

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YOU SHOULD BE COMMENDING ME FOR MY DILIGENT GOLLING.
HOW RUDE! I AM RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF GOLLING!

WHAT AM I EVER GONNA DO WITH YOU? ALL RIGHT, YOU WANNA GO WITH ME TODAY?
Over to pick up Shiba?
GOLLING? COME ON... WOULD YOU QUIT WITH THE MADE-UP WORDS ALREADY?
HMPH. TAKE AWAY MY ONLY PLEASURE...

I'M SURE BOTON WOULD BE MIGHTY PROUD OF YOU, REST HIS SOUL.
WHAT A WONDERFUL CUP OF JOE. TASTES JUST LIKE THE ONES BOTON USED TO MAKE, IT DOES.
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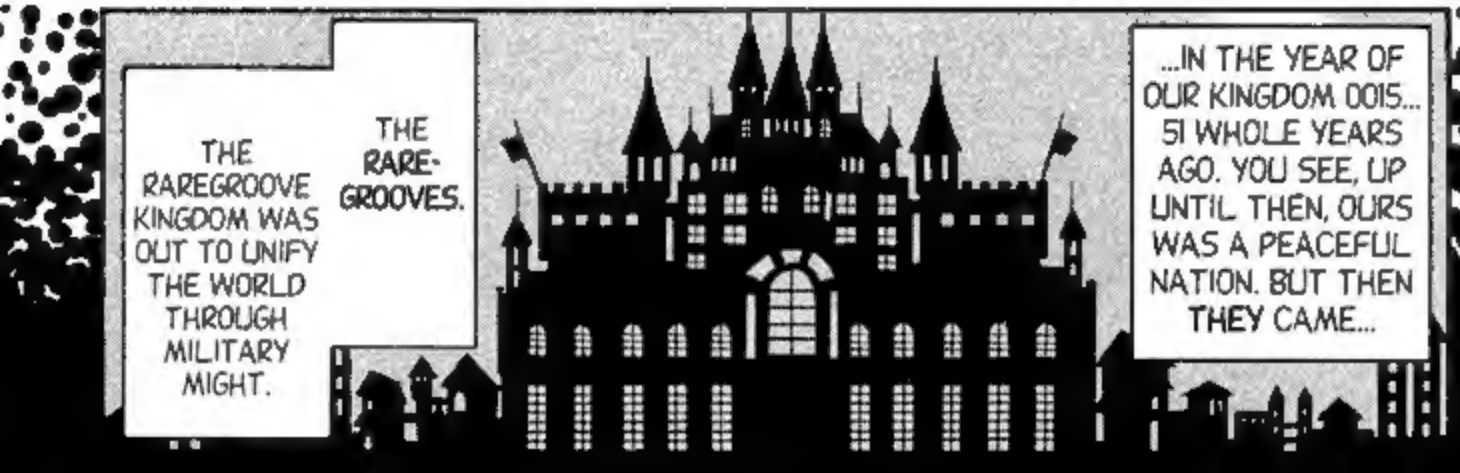
MMPH...
HOWDY, CATTLEYA.
!
SHIBA, IT'S GETTING CLOSE TO LUNCHTIME.
SURE, WHY NOT.
AS LONG AS YOU'RE HERE, CATTLEYA, WHY NOT JOIN US FOR SOME COFFEE?
WHY HELLO, GENMA. IT'S BEEN A WHILE, HASN'T IT?
I EVEN BROUGHT NAKAJIMA WITH ME TODAY.
HOW DID HE GET THERE...?
DEHYA HYA HYA! DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE YOU STUCK UP ON THE WALL THERE.
ACTUALLY... I THINK I'LL JUST HAVE A BOWL OF RAMEN.
YOU WANT SOME TOO, NAKAJIMA?
DEHYA HYA HYA. IT WAS STUPID OF ME TO EVEN ASK.

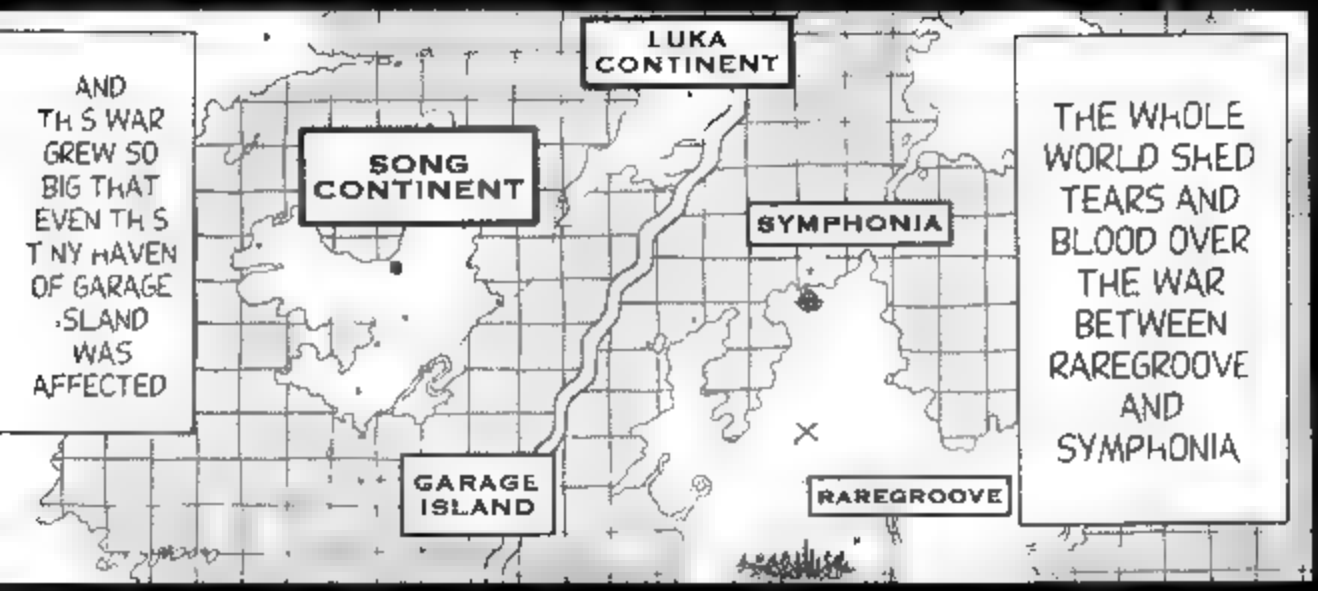
YOU KNOW, I'D BE LYING IF I SAID I WASN'T LONELY.
...
SHE HAS ME, SO OF COURSE SHE'S NOT LONE-
HOOO!!
!
HARU'S BEEN GONE A LONG TIME, HUH? YOU MUST BE PRETTY LONELY.
THAT REMINDS ME, CATTLEYA ...
I KNOW THAT ONE OF THESE DAYS THAT KID'LL COME BACK.
I JUST KNOW.
...BUT AS THE RAVE MASTER, I BELIEVE THAT HARU HAS THE HEART TO TRIUMPH.
HAVING THE WEIGHT OF THE WORLD ON HIS SHOULDERS -LITERALLY- IS TOO GREAT A BURDEN FOR ANY ONE PERSON...
INDEED... I'M SURE HARU WILL BE FINE.
HUAH HUAH HUAH. THIS OUGHT TO BE GOOD.
HEY..... HOW DID YOU BECOME THE RAVE MASTER, SHIBA?
HO... BREAK AN OLD MAN'S HEART, WHY DON'T YOU.
RAVE MASTER, HUH... OH YEAH, YOU USED TO BE THE RAVE MASTER, DIDN'T YOU? I ALMOST FORGOT.

IT ALL STARTED A LONG TIME AGO...
HO HO... ALL RIGHT... IF YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW, I'LL TELL YOU...


THE RAREGROOVE KINGDOM WAS OUT TO UNIFY THE WORLD THROUGH MILITARY MIGHT.
THE RARE-GROOVES.
...IN THE YEAR OF OUR KINGDOM 0015... 51 WHOLE YEARS AGO. YOU SEE, UP UNTIL THEN, OURS WAS A PEACEFUL NATION. BUT THEN THEY CAME...

FINALLY...ONE SMALL COUNTRY STOOD UP TO PUT A STOP TO RAREGROOVE'S AMBITIONS.
THAT COUNTRY WAS SYMPHONIA, LAND OF COURAGE AND COM-PASSION.

AGREEMENTS... TREATIES... COMPROMISES... ALL IGNORED.
ALL THEY KNEW WAS SUB-JUGATION THROUGH POWER.
JUST OVER-WHELMING DOMINATION.


AND THIS WAR GREW SO BIG THAT EVEN THIS TINY HAVEN OF GARAGE ISLAND WAS AFFECTED
LUKA CONTINENT
SONG CONTINENT
SYMPHONIA
GARAGE ISLAND
RAREGROOVE
THE WHOLE WORLD SHED TEARS AND BLOOD OVER THE WAR BETWEEN RAREGROOVE AND SYMPHONIA

YOU?! YOU'RE SIGNING UP FOR THE KINGDOM'S ARMY?
HA HA HA HA!!!
SHIBA
23 AT THE TIME

SINCE WHEN HAVE YOU HAD A SENSE OF HUMOR?
REALLY YOU USED TO ALWAYS BE SO SERIOUS, BOTON
YURI

WELL YOUR FACE, FOR ONE THING
WHY ARE YOU SO EAGER TO RUSH TO YOUR DEATH?
THAT WAR HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS ISLAND

WHAT'S SO FUNNY?
MPH
BOTON
LATER BECOMES GENMA'S FATHER

.....
YOU'RE SERIOUS ABOUT THIS.
THE SYMPHONIA KINGDOM IS A TINY COUNTRY AND YET THEY BRAVELY HOLD THEIR SWORDS UP HIGH! THE TIME HAS COME FOR US WARRIORS IN PEACEFUL LANDS TO STAND UP AS WELL
THE RAREGROOVES ARE TYRANTS. IF THE SYMPHONIA KINGDOM HADN'T RISEN UP AGAINST THEM, THEY WOULD HAVE CONQUERED THE ENTIRE CONTINENT
I'M SERIOUS!! I'M GOING TO WAR TO DO SOMETHING I CAN BE PROUD OF!!!
KNOW WHAT YOU'RE ABOUT TO SAY! I AIN'T GOIN'
LISTEN, SHIBA.
Good work today!!
It's all yours
WHERE'S THE MEANING IN THAT?
WHY IS THAT? MAKE A NAME FOR YOURSELF IN THE WAR, COME HOME WITH A TITLE. YOU COULD LIVE THE REST OF YOUR LIFE IN COMFORT
WHETHER I COME HOME A HERO OR DIE FIGHTING FOR WHAT'S GOOD.. I COULDN'T CARE LESS.
THERE IS NO MEANING I JUST WANT TO LEAVE BEHIND PROOF THAT I WAS ALIVE.. SOMETHING THAT PROVES I MADE A DIFFERENCE IN THIS WORLD

I JUST AIN'T LIKE THAT AT ALL. JUST TRAIN FOR SELF DEFENSE
KNOW HOW GOOD YOU ARE WITH A SWORD SHIBA YOU HAVE A GIFT
WHATEVER BUT I SURE A SHAME
THE WORLD COULD USE A GUY LIKE YOU RIGHT NOW

BUT THERE'S NO WAY I CAN ACCEPT IT IT'S LIKE HE'S MARCHING OFF TO HIS DEATH THAT'S WHAT WAR IS-DEATH
HMM OF COURSE IT'S THE NOBLE THING TO DO, FIGHTING TO SAVE THE WORLD AND ALL
LISTEN YURI, WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT BOTON'S IDEA?
SHIBA, AREN'T YOU AGAINST THIS? YOU'RE ABOUT TO LOSE A FRIEND YOU KNOW
!
IF HE SAYS HE'S GONNA DO SOMETHING, HE'S DEFINITELY GONNA DO IT
WELL I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL. BUT ONCE BOTON MAKES UP HIS MIND, THERE'S NO CHANGING IT

Sigh——...
IT'S NOT OUR PLACE TO BUTT IN
THIS IS HIS DECISION

THEY'RE HERE ON THE ISLAND, RECRUITING SOLDIERS FOR THE ARMY!!
THIS IS GREAT!! NOW'S MY CHANCE!!
SHIBA!
YURI!

WE, THE PEOPLE OF SYMPHONIA, ARE BUSY DEVELOPING HOLY BRING. HOLY STONES TO COMBAT THIS FORCE. HOWEVER, OUR LACK OF MILITARY MANPOWER IS AN UNDENIABLE FACT
ざわ...
Check out their stone! How rare.
Cool. He's a spectator.
ざわ...
THE RAREGROOVES HAVE OBTAINED DARK STONES CALLED DARK BRING.. NOW THEY'RE EVEN MORE POWERFUL THAN EVER.

THIS IS WHY WE ARE TRAVELING THE WORLD IN SEARCH OF COMRADES WILLING TO JOIN US IN OUR FIGHT
MAGIC ROCKS? WHO'S GONNA BELIEVE SOME FAIRY-TALE STORY LIKE THAT?
ざわ...

IF THERE ARE ANY AMONG YOU WHO WISH TO JOIN OUR FIGHT MEET HERE TOMORROW AT DAWN
THE CHOICE IS YOURS
THAT IS ALL
SURE GONNA MISS HIM

CAN TALK TO YOU?
THE NEXT DAY.
SIR!!
I AM READY TO LAY DOWN MY LIFE TO FIGHT FOR THE KINGDOM!!
THAT'S ALL RIGHT IT'S A SMALL ISLAND WE CAN USE ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET
ONLY ONE RECRUIT HUH?

SHIBA. WHAT'S WITH THE GETUP? YOU COMIN' WITH ME AFTER ALL?
?!
!!
NOT SO FAST.
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG.
I'VE COME TO STOP YOU.
..AND TAKE ONLY THE WINNER WITH YOU FOR YOUR ARMY
!
THIS GUY AND I ARE GOING TO FIGHT NOW.
SOLDIERS OF THE KINGDOM, I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK.
WANT YOU TWO TO BE WITNESSES..
!
WH- WHAT'D YOU SAY?!

YOU WANNA BE A SOLDIER THEN DEFEAT ME FIRST
SHIBA!!
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO PULL?!
...GOING OFF TO WAR WILL ONLY GET YOU KILLED
IF YOU CAN'T EVEN GET THROUGH ME...
H-HEY!! WA T' WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
UWUUUAAAH!
BR NG T
WHY YOU--!!

WE HAD A DEAL YOU STAY HERE.
D-DAMN.
DAMN YOU, SHIBA
I WANT TO FIGHT FOR OUR WORLD, TOO!!
WHY'D YOU HAVE TO GET IN MY WAY?!
WHY?

YURI'S GONNA HAVE YOUR BABY.
HUH?
I'M GONNA BE A DAD...
... I HAD NO IDEA...
I CAN'T LET YOU GO OFF TO WAR
YOU'RE GONNA BE A DAD.
LET THAT BE PROOF YOU WERE ALIVE, ALL RIGHT?
BRING YOUR KID UP RIGHT.
THINK ABOUT HOW YURI FEELS.

I DID IT FOR THE KID THAT'S GONNA BE BORN.
IDIOT.
YOU DID THIS... FOR YURI AND ME...?
JUST HOPE HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE YOU...FOR HIS SAKE.
I'LL COME BACK IN A FEW YEARS TO CHECK OUT THIS KID OF YOURS.
I'M GONNA GO MAKE SOME MONEY.
AND I'LL FIGHT ENOUGH FOR THE BOTH OF US.
SHIBA
헤헤헤...

シンフォニア王国

SYMPHONIA KINGDOM

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HASH
KINGDOM KNIGHT SQUAD
LEADER, 8TH BATTALION
STEP ASIDE. I'LL HANDLE THIS.
YES, SIR!
SHIBA!! THAT IS NO WAY TO TALK TO A SUPERIOR OFFICER.
..THAT HURTS, YOU KNOW! WHAT DO YOU THINK YER DOING, YOU BIG OAF?!
SHIBA...HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU?
I KNOW YOU ARE SKILLED I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WOULD WANT TO SHOW OFF YOUR SKILLS.
BUT YOU'RE PART OF A TEAM NOW REMEMBER THAT
YOUR LONE RANGER TACTICS ARE AFFECTING THE MORALE OF OUR WHOLE BATTALION.
WHAT WAS WRONG WITH WHAT I DID?! IF I HADN'T JUMPED IN, WE WOULDN'T HAVE WON THAT BATTLE!!
YOU NEVER GAVE ME A CHANCE!!

WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT FIGHTING FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD."
FOR THE WORLD ?!
YOU CANNOT FIGHT FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD IN THAT STATE.
SHIBA... YOUR HEART STILL LACKS SOMETHING IMPORTANT
I'M FIGHTING FOR MYSELF AND NOBODY ELSE!!!
TCH...! I CAN'T TAKE THIS ANY-MORE.
ざわ...
ざわ...

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ざわ
AND I STILL CAN'T GET USED TO ALL THIS HUSTLE AND BUSTLE...
I WANNA GO SOME-WHERE QUIET
NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU MAY DIE ON THE JOB, AND THE PAY'S PRETTY LOW TO BOOT... I DON'T THINK I'M CUT OUT FOR THIS AFTER ALL.
Baldy gets on my nerves, too
YOU KNOW THIS MERCENARY BUSINESS IS A LOT TOUGHER THAN I THOUGHT
MAYBE I'LL GO BACK TO GARAGE ISLAND...
I'VE DONE ENOUGH FIGHTING.

DON'T FEEL LIKE FINDING AN INN. MAYBE I'LL JUST SLEEP OUTSIDE TONIGHT
!

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WH-
WHAT
IN THE...
JUST A
NORMAL
GIRL...
FOR A
SECOND
THERE

HM ?
PUUN
TUG TUG
PUUN
UGYAAA!
PUUN
WH-WHAT IS THAT THING?! I'VE NEVER EVEN SEEN ONE OF THOSE BEFORE!! AAH!
PUUN
HEY NOW!! QUIT GRABBING ME!! GET OFF!!
IT'S A DOG?!
THAT DOG'S NAME IS PLUE.

YUP IT'S A DOG
SAY, YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD WAS THAT LIKE SOME TRADITIONAL SYMPHONIAN DANCE OR SOMETHING?
WHAT'S THAT WORD ? IT WAS LIKE..
YOU KNOW
BEAUTIFUL
MY WHOLE BODY HEATS UP, AND MY HEART STARTS RACING
IT MAKES ME FEEL SO ALIVE
YEAH I LOVE IT" I LOVE THE WAY I FEEL WHEN I'M DANCING

DO YOU EVER FEEL LIKE THAT?
EH...
BETTER BE GETT NG HOME NOW!
GOOD NIGHT
AH
!
WHO WAS THAT?

The next day

THIS SUCKS... WHAT'S WITH ALL THE COMMOTION? WE'RE AT WAR, YOU KNOW
RELN

ざわ… ざわ…
C'MON! LEMME THROUGH! I'M GONNA MISS MY BOAT BACK TO GARAGE ISLAND!
大三元

DANCER?

I GET IT.. YOU AIN'T FROM AROUND HERE, ARE YOU.. RESHA USED TO BE SYMPHONIA'S NUMBER-ONE DANCER.

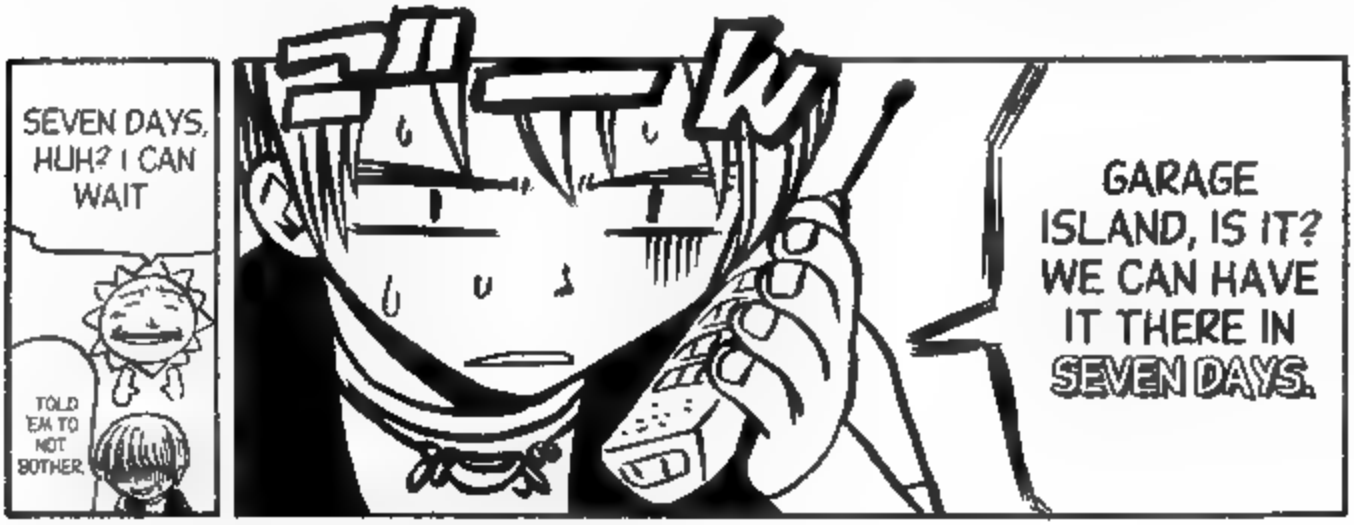
WHAT? YOU HAVEN'T HEARD? RESHA'S AT THE CASTLE NOW, AND TODAY SHE'S GOING TO APPEAR FOR THE FIRST TIME
RES HA?

WOOOOW!! HERE COME THE FOUR KNIGHTS OF THE BLUE SKY!!
HEY MISTER YOU LEFT YOUR STUFF
PLUS RUMOR HAS IT SHE'S A REAL BABE
LOOK! IT'S MASTER ALPINE!! HE'S SO DREAMY!!
WHOOO!
WHOOO!!
LADY MALTESE !!
RESHA'S CUTE TOO, BUT I LIKE YOU THE BEST!!
MASTER DEERHOUND!! ALL THE GUYS WANNA BE JUST LIKE YOU!!
SHOW US YOUR MUSCLES
MASTER DALMATIAN, THE TACTICIAN!!
WE CAN'T WAIT FOR YOUR NEXT CAMPAIGN!!
REESHAA!
REESHAA!
RESHA DIE
LADY RESHA!!
YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL!!

PUUN
IT'S GREAT TO BE HERE, EVERYBODY!!
RESHA VALENTINE
PLUE
IT'S HER!
THAT GIRL...

RESHA...
SO SHE'S THE ONE MAKING HOLY BRING
YEAH. AND SHE'S THE ONLY ONE THAT CAN MAKE THEM
BUT HOLY BRING ARE THE ONLY THING THAT CAN DEFEAT DARK BRING, RIGHT?
INTENSE PAIN SHOOTS THROUGH HER BODY DURING THE RITUAL TO MAKE HOLY BRING. MUST BE TOUGH ON HER
SHE'S REALLY QUITE SOMETHING... CREATING HOLY BRING FOR THE SAKE OF THE COUNTRY, AND AT SUCH A YOUNG AGE, TOO
MY, OH MY...SO THAT GIRL HAS THE POWER OF THE GODS, DOES SHE?
WHY DO YOU SACRIFICE YOURSELF LIKE THIS ?
WHY DON'T YOU LIVE FOR YOURSELF?
BUT WHY..? YOU LIKE DANCING BETTER, DON'T YOU?
"I JUST LOVE THE WAY I FEEL WHEN I'M DANCING."
RESHA...
WE'LL MEET AGAIN SOON...

Levin Watches the House, Part 9: Feelin' Gollish!



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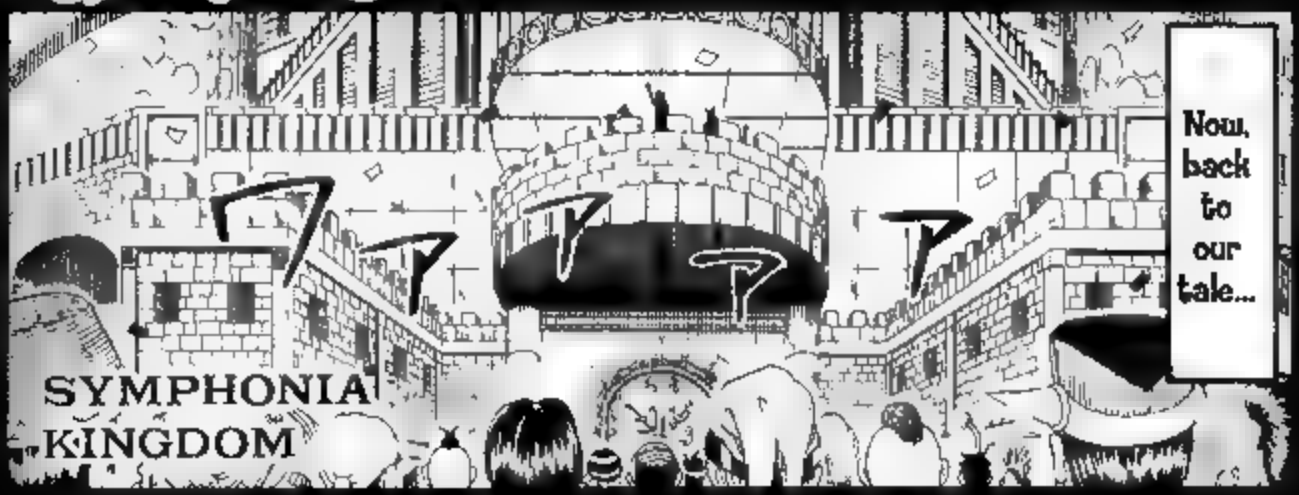
SYMPHONIA KINGDOM
Now, back to our tale...

"DO YOU EVER FEEL LIKE THAT?"
"MY FAVORITE THING TO DO IS DANCE."
"IT JUST MAKES ME FEEL SO ALIVE"

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ALPINE SPANIEL
FOUR KNIGHTS OF THE BLUE SKY

I GIVE YOU THE HOLY CREATOR. MASTER OF ETHERION. A POWER BESTOWED UPON HER BY THE GODS.
CITIZENS, LEND ME YOUR EARS!!
RESHA...

RAVE0015
ナイツ オブ キングダム
Knights of Kingdom

PUON
THIS LITTLE GUY'S NAME IS PLUE! HE'S HAPPY TO BE HERE, TOO!
OH!
PUON
EVERYBODY!!
IT'S GREAT TO BE HERE!!
A NATURAL-BORN STAR, HUH? I'M A LITTLE JEALOUS, TO TELL THE TRUTH.
CLEA MALTESE
FOUR KNIGHTS OF THE BLUE SKY
T SURE S PROBABLY BECALSE BEFORE THIS SHE USED TO BE SYMPHONIA'S NUMBER-ONE DANCER
LADY RESHA S POPULARITY WITH THE PEOPLE S SOMETHING ELSE. ISN'T IT?
BYE, EVERYONE! SEE YOU LATER!
WE'D BEST BE GOING NOW, LADY RESHA. WE MUSTN'T DELAY IN MAKING HOLY BRING.
OKAY
DALMATIAN
FOUR KNIGHTS OF THE BLUE SKY
GA HA HA HA: WELL, ISN'T THAT PRECIOUS?
AND NOW SHE'S GONNA SAVE THE WORLD!!
DEER HOUND-
FOUR KNIGHTS OF THE BLUE SKY

NAH..
WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE MATTER? YOU MUST BE EXHAUSTED, AS ALWAYS.
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UMPH. THAT IS WHAT KEEP TELLING THE KING.. "DON'T WORRY" IS ALL HE EVER SAYS. HE MUST HAVE SOMETHING PLANNED.
LADY RESHA IS ONLY 15 YEARS OLD SHE'S NOT EVEN FULLY GROWN, MENTALLY OR PHYSICALLY
DALMATIAN I THINK WE'RE HAVING HER USE THE ETHERION A LITTLE TOO MUCH
SORRY TO MAKE YOU GUYS WORRY! BUT NOW I'VE GOTTA RUN THE KING'S WAITING
ALLOW ME TO ESCORT YOU.
GA HA HA HA HA... WELL I'M GLAD SHE'S ALL RIGHT, AREN'T YOU?
MY HEAD JUST HURTS A LITTLE WHEN I USE ETHERION, THAT'S ALL. I'M USED TO IT
I'M FINE REALLY, IT'S NO BIG DEAL!
YOU CAN'T BE FINE.
NO, MILADY.. YOUR HEADACHES HAVE SPREAD TO YOUR DAILY LIFE, TIMES WHEN YOU AREN'T USING ETHERION

PLEASE.
A few days later
YOU HAVE TO LET ME SEE RESHA.
LOOKS LIKE HE REALLY WANTS TO SEE LADY RESHA.
Maybe he's a fan.
SOME-THING IS UP
HEY! YOU CAN'T JUST BARGE IN LIKE THAT!
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS!!
!
LET ME SEE HER!
THIS GUY LOOKS LIKE TROUBLE TO ME.
AND JUST WHO ARE YOU?

GAHK!
I HAVE TO SEE HER!
WHY DON'T YOU BE QUIET FOR A LITTLE WHILE?
GA HA HA HA. RUDE? THAT GUY'S CRAZY! LIKE 'IM ALREADY!
THAT MAN QUITE THE RUDE ONE, ISN'T HE?
WORDS DON'T GET THROUGH TO GUYS LIKE THIS. WE HAVE TO TEACH HIM THE HARD WAY
YES, SIR!
YOU THERE LET THAT MAN THROUGH TO THE INNER COURTYARD
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

SO YOU'RE THE PRIDE OF THE KINGDOM'S ARMY, THE KNIGHTS OF THE BLUE SKY.
WHADDAYA KNOW?
GUESS YOU GUYS ARE TOO HIGH AND MIGHTY TO KNOW YOUR OWN RANKS. I'VE WON THIRTEEN STRAIGHT SOLDIER TOURNAMENTS, YOU KNOW
SHIBA.
LET US DISPENSE WITH THE SMALL TALK.
LET'S JUST START BY ASKING YOUR NAME
AND JUST WHAT DO YOU PLAN ON DOING ONCE YOU SEE LADY RESHA?
I'M GONNA SET RESHA FREE.
I'M TAKIN' HER OUTTA HERE.

I'M SORRY TO BREAK IT TO YOU, BUT THAT ISN'T WHAT LADY RESHA WANTS.
YOU'RE WRONG. THE TRUTH IS RESHA HATES MAKING HOLY BRING
BEING COOPED UP IN A PLACE LIKE THIS...
JUST WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT LADY RESHA?
ANY FURTHER COMMENTS OF THIS NATURE WILL BE CONSIDERED TREASON AGAINST THE KINGDOM.
SO...GONNA TRY TO CHASE ME OUT BY FORCE, HUH...? PERFECT. YOU GUYS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE STRONG, RIGHT?
GREAT! YOU'VE GOT YOURSELF A DEAL!!!
LL TAKE 'IM!! GA HA HA HA!
SO WHY DON'T WE HAVE A DUEL, SWORDSMAN TO SWORDSMAN? IF I WIN, YOU LET ME SEE RESHA.
NO SHALL HANDLE THIS I CAN'T LET HIM GET AWAY WITH THIS
WHAAAT?
SO WE GOT A DEAL? I WIN AND YOU LET ME SEE RESHA?
CCEPTED AND F YOU LOSE. YOU NEVER SET FOOT NEAR THIS CASTLE AGAIN.
YOU'RE ON.

MY. PRETTY IMPRESSIVE..
I'VE GONE 96 STRAIGHT FIGHTS WITHOUT LOSING. DON'T UNDERESTIMATE ME
I DON'T CARE WHICH ONE OF YOU IT IS. JUST HURRY UP
MALTESE.
I CAN HANDLE HIM.
ALPINE. THIS LOSER ISN'T WORTH YOUR T ME.
WITNESS THE STRONGEST THE KINGDOM HAS TO OFFER.
LET ME TEACH YOU WHY YOU SHOULD NEVER DRAW YOUR SWORD IN FRONT OF US.
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YOU'RE FIRST HUH? I AIN'T HOLDIN' BACK JUST 'CAUSE YOU'RE A GIRL.

NO WAY
SORRY
LOOKS LIKE I BROKE YOUR WINNING STREAK.

AARGH!!
HOW COULD I POSSIBLY LOSE?!
NEVER SHOW YOUR FACE HERE AGAIN.
HOWEVER. THERE IS NO WAY YOU CAN BEAT US IN YOUR CURRENT STATE.
YOU'RE GOOD I SENSE IN YOU THE STRENGTH TO PUT ALL FOUR OF US TO SHAME
LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING.
ｺｲﾂ…!!
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT YOU'RE FIGHTING FOR.
AARGH...
I DON'T.. I DON'T GET IT...

GALEIN MUSICA
LATER BECOMES HAMRIO MUSICA'S GRANDFATHER

I COME FROM A PLACE CALLED PUNK STREET I WAS SUMMONED HERE. WHICH I EXPECT MEANS THEY'LL BE KEEPING ME HERE 'TIL THIS WAR IS OVER

UHYOOO LOOKS LIKE I'M GETTING PRETTY FAMOUS. WELL, SOME DAY I'LL BE THE BEST IN THE WORLD, BUT ANYWAY
MUSICA WAIT YOU'RE NOT THE MUSICA, ARE YOU? THE TOP BLACKSMITH IN ALL OF SONG CONTINENT?
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ALL I NEED IS A BETTER SWORD AND I KNOW I CAN BEAT THEM!
PLEASE!! YOU HAVE TO MAKE ME THE STRONGEST SWORD THERE IS!!
MAKE ME A SWORD, PLEASE!
THEY'RE KEEPING ME FROM SOMEONE I HAVE TO SEE"
BUT.. WHY...?
.....
SORRY, PAL.
YOU'RE NOT READY YET.
WHY DOES EVERYONE...
...KEEP TREATING ME LIKE A CHILD?

After another few days
PUUN
!
!
GYAAAH!
PUUN
HEARD YOU FOUGHT THE KNIGHTS OF THE BLUE SKY
!
'CAUSE YOU WANTED TO SEE ME.
RESHA...
HEY. I CAME TO SEE YOU.

EH HEH HEH... KEEP IT A SECRET, 'KAY? I SNEAK OUT OF THERE A LOT ON MY OWN
SO YOU'RE A MERCENARY SOLDIER? I'm surprised
YOU'RE SURPRISED? IMAGINE HOW I FELT WHEN I FOUND OUT THE GIRL I SAW DANCING WAS THE RESHA.
AT FIRST IT WAS A LITTLE EMBARRASSING, DANCING AROUND IN LITTLE MORE THAN MY UNDERWEAR..
...BUT ONCE I GOT USED TO IT, I WAS FINE ACTUALLY. IT FEELS PRETTY GOOD I GUESS
I ALWAYS LOVED DANCING. THAT'S WHY I TOOK IT UP PROFESSIONALLY.
YOU MEAN ETHERION?!
BUT HOW WERE YOU ABLE TO START USING THAT... WHATCHAMACALLIT POWER?

IT'S LIKE A FORM OF MAGIC...OR SOMETHING.
I GUESS... I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO USE IT, EVER SINCE I WAS LITTLE..
SHE SURE LIKES TO TALK A LOT...
YOU'LL NEVER GUESS WHAT HAPPENED NEXT SO I..
THEN THEY CALLED ME TO THE CASTLE.
BUT THE KING SURE IS AMAZING. ONE DAY HE CAME TO ME, OUT OF THE BLUE, AND SAID, "YOU HAVE A SPECIAL POWER INSIDE YOU."
I KEPT IT A SECRET FOR THE LONGEST TIME.
LISTEN RESHA.
HOW ABOUT YOU AND ME LEAVE SYMPHONIA TOGETHER?

YOU'RE FREE
YOU'RE WRONG
IF YOU LEAVE SYMPHONIA, NO ONE WILL EVER KEEP YOU TIED DOWN AGAIN
ISN'T IT HARD ON YOU? NOT BEING ABLE TO DO WHAT YOU WANT.
HUH?
BUT I WANT TO STAY HERE.
EVERYONE NEEDS ME

B-BUT THERE'S NO REASON YOU SHOULD HAVE TO SHOULDER THIS BURDEN ALL BY YOUR SELF
WE'RE ABLE TO WORK TOGETHER AND STAND UP FOR THE GOOD OF THE WORLD
IT'S BECAUSE OF OUR COMMON STRUGGLE THAT WE'RE ABLE TO WORK TOGETHER
EVERYONE HAS IT HARD RIGHT NOW. WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A WAR... NO ONE CAN JUST DO WHATEVER HE OR SHE WANTS.
SURE, THINGS CAN BE TOUGH FOR ME SOMETIMES. BUT THAT GOES FOR EVERYONE NOW MORE THAN EVER
THAT'S WHY I HAVE TO HANG IN THERE AND DO MY PART.
EVERYONE'S HOPES FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM, INCLUDING MINE, ARE RIDING ON THE HOLY BRING
I KNOW YOU'LL SURELY..
SHIBA, YOU'RE SUCH A NICE GUY..
.....
WAIT A SEC!! I STILL HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU!!
I'D BETTER BE GOING NOW.
NEVER MIND IT'S NOTHING.
WHAT?

THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO GIVE YOU!
I'LL COME BACK TOMORROW. BE HERE WAIT-NG, 'KAY?
!
The next day
WAIT, WHERE IS RESHA, ANYWAY?
LADY RESHA ASKED US TO GIVE YOU THIS...
THIS MUST BE WHAT SHE SAID SHE WANTED TO GIVE ME YESTERDAY HEY, THIS IS KINDA PRETTY
WHAT'RE YOU DOING OUT HERE IN THE RAIN? DON'T EVEN HAVE ANY UMBRELLAS.
I guess I don't either. but
JUST YOU GUYS, HUH?

LADY RESHA HAS PASSED ON.
SHE DIED AS THE HOLY BRING WAS COMPLETED
LADY RESHA CHOSE YOU
SHE GAVE UP HER LIFE IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THIS HOLY BRING
...FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD..
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT YOU'RE FIGHTING FOR.
YOU CANNOT FIGHT FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD IN THAT STATE.
YOU'RE NOT READY YET

EVERY-
BODY'S
BEEN PUT-
TING THEIR
LIVES ON
THE LINE
FOR THE
WORLD!!
AND
ALL
ALONG..
I DIDN'T...
I DIDN'T..
!!
I'VE
BEEN
BLIND
ALL
ALONG..
IT'S
CLEAR
NOW..
RE-
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!!
IF THIS
IS HER
WISH.
THE
WORLD'S
WISH..
...THEN I
PLEDGE...
...SO
HEAVY
THIS
IS..

THIS STONE FILLED WITH YOUR SPIRIT SHALL LIVE ON FOREVER AS YOUR WISH FOR THE WORLD!

RESHA!

FOR THE WORLD!

I SHALL FIGHT TO MAKE THIS WISH COME TRUE!!!

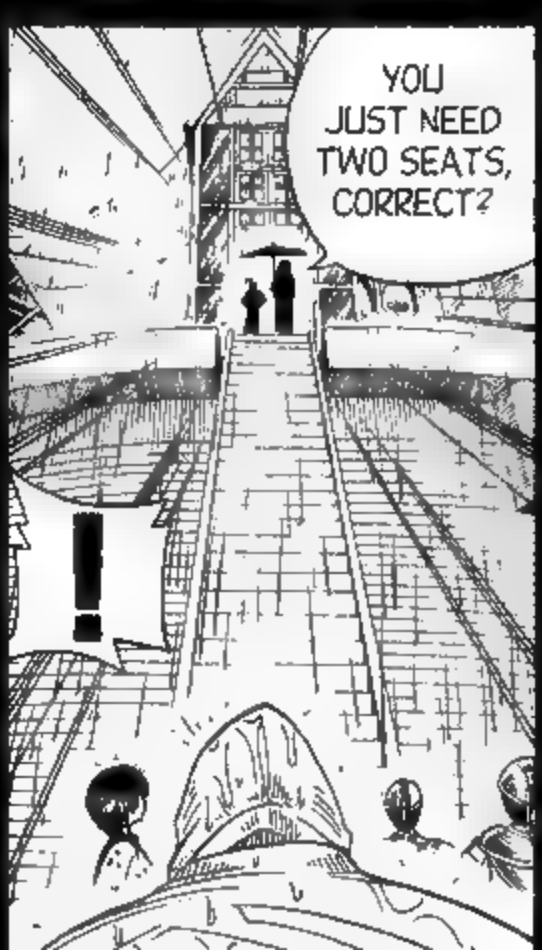
MUSICA!! WAIT UP, WILL YA?!
A few days later...
SYMPHONIA HARBOR
I'M BEGGING YOU. PLEASE LET US ON THE BOAT
HE WILL MAKE ME A SWORD TH S TIME. I'M SURE OF T'
DANG IT" DON'T TELL ME HE'S ALREADY ABOARD THE SHIP
BUT LOOK!! WE EVEN HAVE A DEPARTURE PERMIT FROM THE KING HIMSELF!!
I'M SORRY SIR. WE'RE ALREADY AT FULL CAPACITY
..I TOLD YOU. THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM HERE...
HUFF
HUFF
MY DAUGHTER IS ILL" IF WE DON'T GET TO SONG, SHE WON'T GET THE MED.- CINE SHE NEEDS!!
BUT MY DAUGHTER
I DON'T CARE HOW POOR YOU ARE, FORGERY IS STILL A CRIME. I'M WILLING TO OVERLOOK IT THIS TIME, SO JUST HEAD ON HOME
MMM... SO, THAT MEANS THIS PERMIT IS A FAKE, RIGHT?
ER...
HEY WAIT A MINUTE.. HASN'T THE KING BEEN MISSING SINCE THE DAY LADY RESHA PASSED AWAY?

!!!

WHY DON'T I HAVE A WORD WITH THE CAPTAIN, THEN?
I UNDERSTAND S R. I REALLY DO. BUT WE CAN'T EXCEED THE MAX MUM PASSENGER L MIT
N-NO. PLEASE ANY THING BL T THAT

H!! P P P P P!!
QUIT BEING SUCH A COUPLE OF TIGHTWADS. JL.ST LET 'EM ON THE BOAT A_READY
M- MASTER SHIBA.

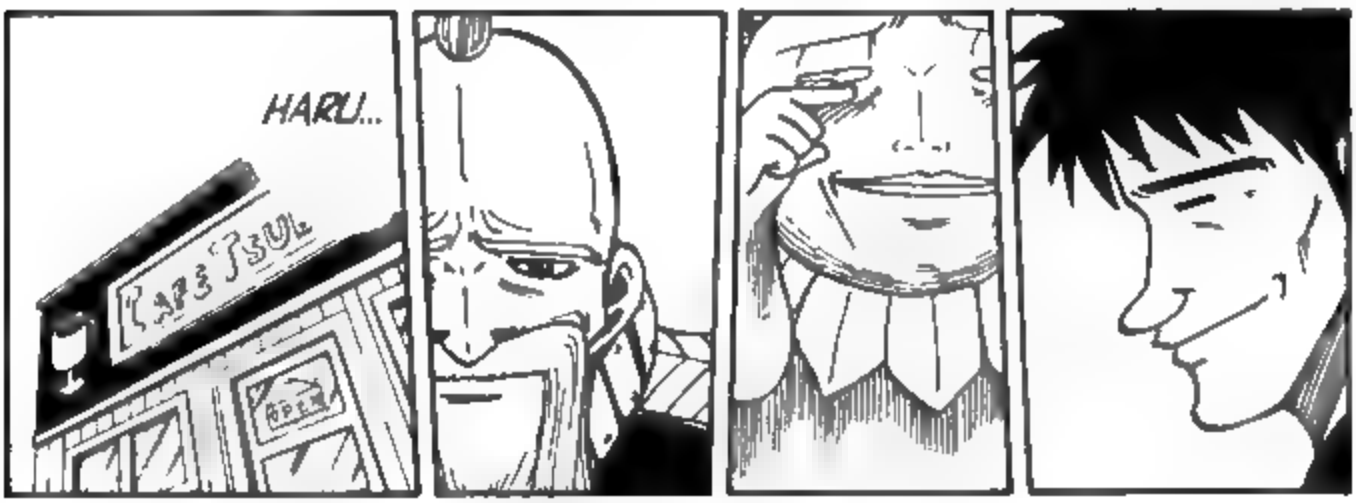
LET THAT MAN AND HIS DAUGHTER ON INSTEAD
MY APPRENT.CE AND I WILL GET OFF


YOU JUST NEED TWO SEATS, CORRECT?
!

I TAKE IT NO ONE HAS ANY COM-PLAINTS.
APPRENTICE
PIT VIPER
MUSICA!!
TH-THANK YOU VERY MUCH
ALL RIGHT THEN.. JUST HURRY ABOARD!
YOU KNOW I'VE HEARD SOME THINGS LATELY
HMPH HPMH
FINALLY SEEN THE LIGHT, HAVE YOU?

THE SWORD OF THE WORLD.
NOW, IF YOU'RE STILL INTERESTED, LET ME MAKE IT FOR YOU..
ALL RIGHT..
IT'S A DEAL.

SO THERE'RE A LOT OF HOPES RIDING ON THAT STONE.
WOW...

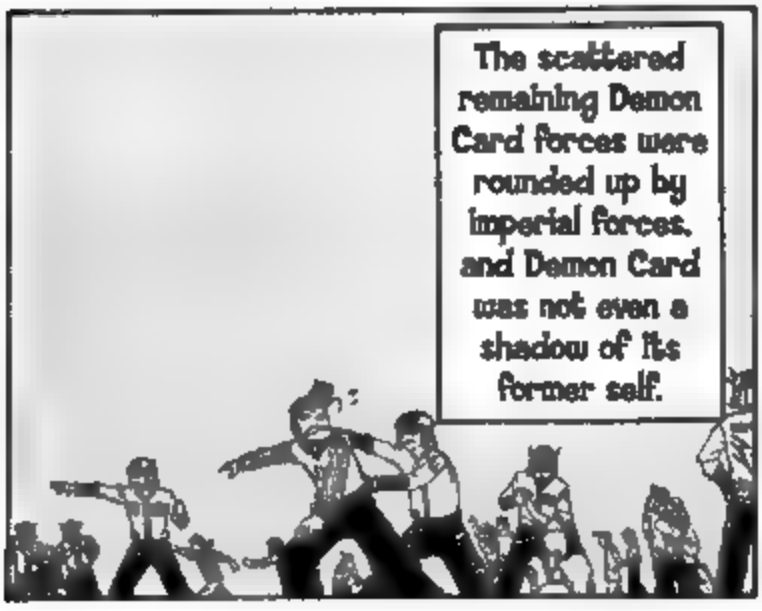

HARU...
CAFE SOL
OPEN

YOU'RE CARRYING A HEAVY BURDEN. YOU'VE INHERITED THE HOPES OF SHIBA AND RESHA...
THE WORLD NEEDS YOU!" "I KNOW YOU CAN DO IT"

THINKING ABOUT ALL THOSE MEMORIES, I JUST CAN'T STOP CRYING
YOU REALLY HAVE HAD AN EXCITING LIFE, OLD MAN
...AND THAT'S HOW HOLY BRING CAME INTO EXISTENCE.
CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?
HMM?
YES, YES! NOW THAT THAT'S OVER, WHY DON'T I TELL YOU ALL ABOUT WHEN I WAS YOUNG AND IN LO-
HEY, SHIBA.
THEY CHANGED THE NAME FROM HOLY BRING ..
THE PEOPLE WANTED TO DO SOMETHING TO HONOR THAT DEAR GIRL.
MM HMM...
THAT'S RIGHT
THOSE HOLY BRING THEY WOULDN'T BY ANY CHANCE BE RAVE, WOULD THEY?

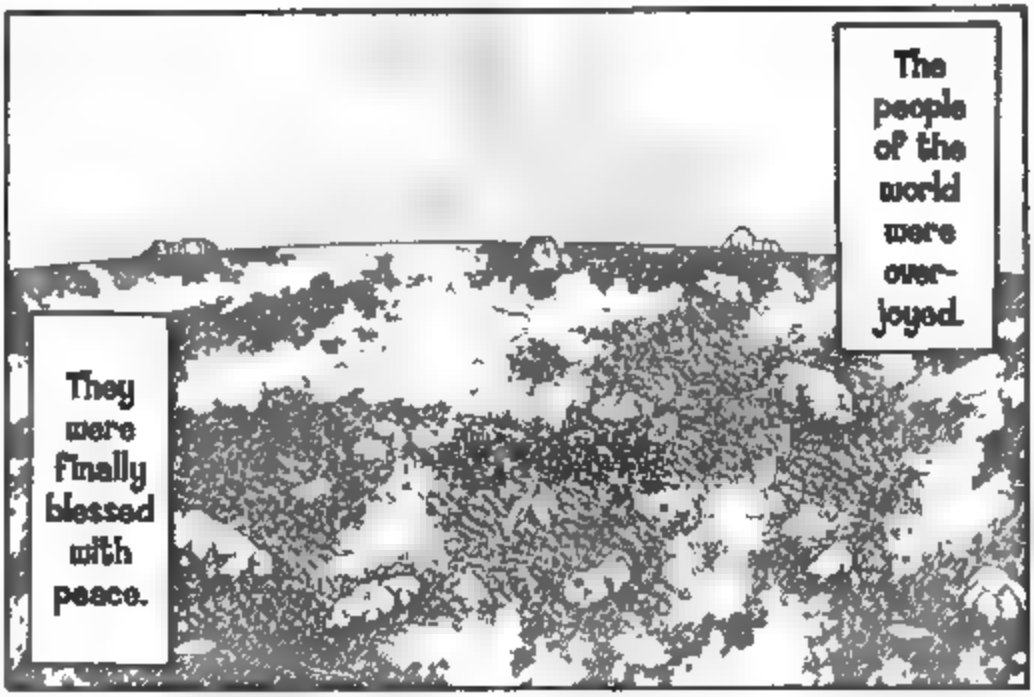
SO THEY TOOK THE FIRST AND LAST LETTERS OF HER FIRST AND LAST NAME, RESHA VALENTINE...
...AND CALLED THEM RAVE.
RAVE 001 S
Knights of Kingdom
~Fin~

Gale Glory and King- two great forces- departed from this world.
0066... September 9th. otherwise known as "The Day Time Intersects."


The scattered remaining Demon Card forces were rounded up by imperial forces. and Demon Card was not even a shadow of its former self.

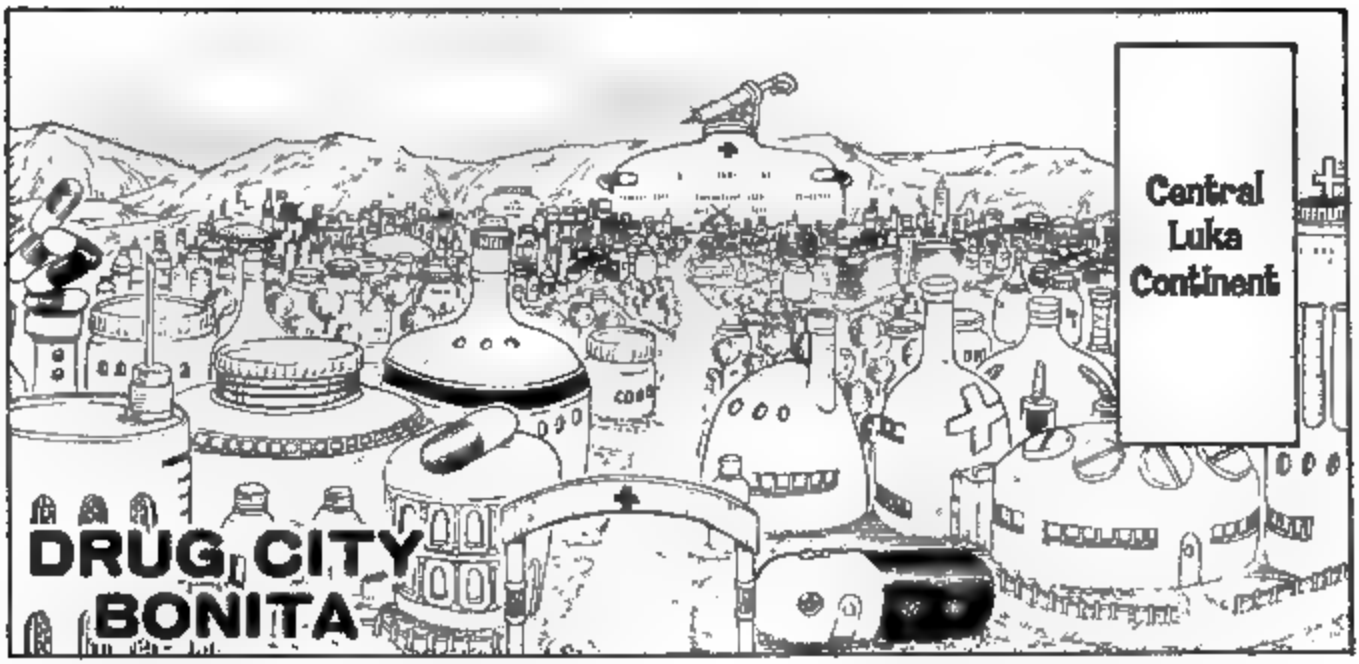
Six months later...

...It is now 0067...



RAVE MASTER

RAVE:74 A BRAND-NEW START!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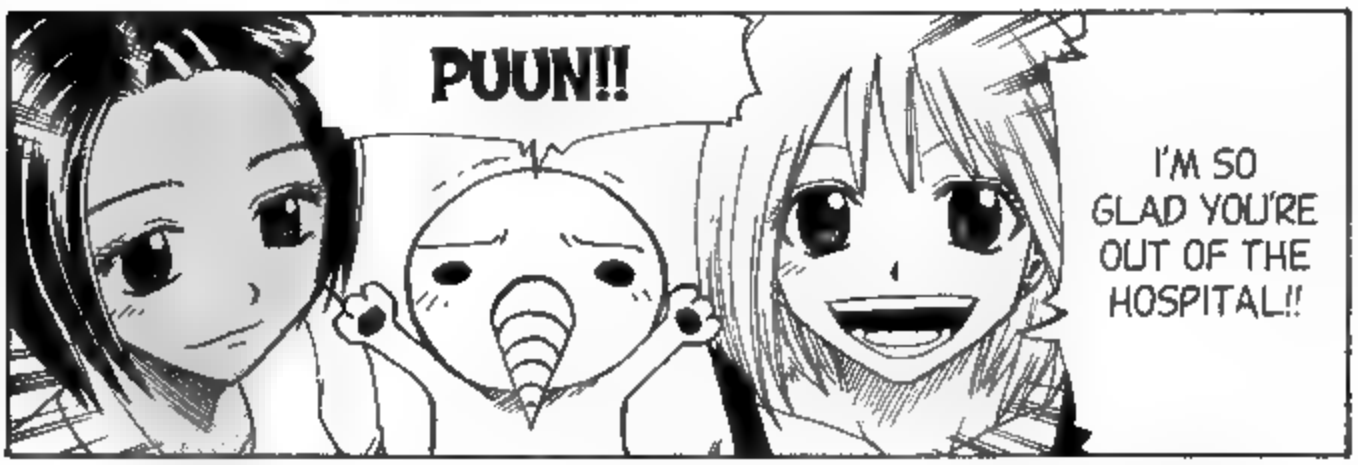
DRUG CITY BONITA


PUUN!!
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE OUT OF THE HOSPITAL!!

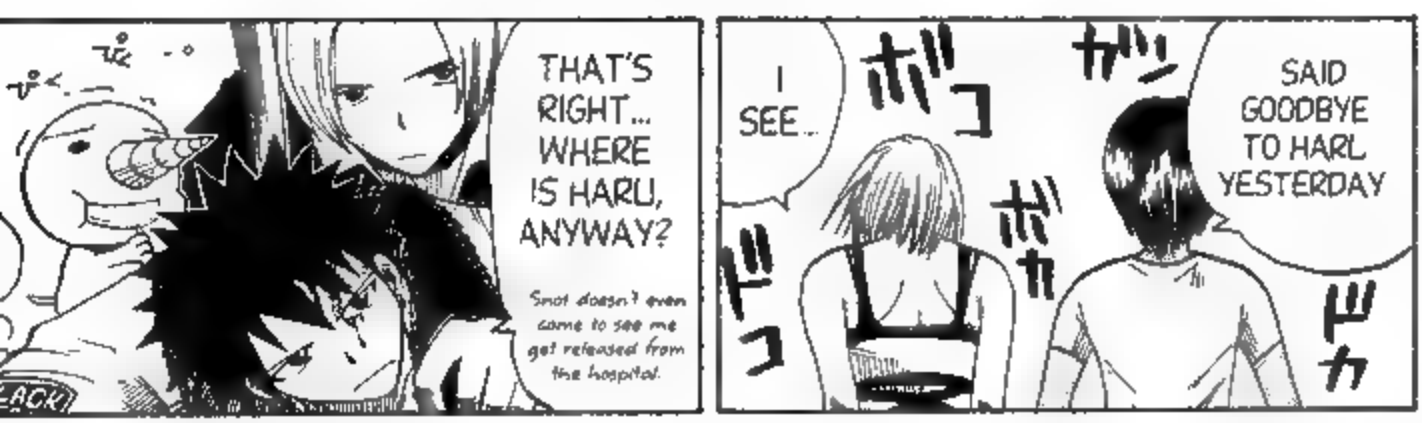
NOW THAT YOU'RE BETTER, I CAN GO BACK TO AQUA PALACE WITH MY BROTHER.
I'M GLAD... FOR A WHILE I WASN'T SURE IF I WAS GOING TO MAKE T

THANKS, TO YOU GUYS.
I NEVER COULD HAVE PULLED THROUGH WITHOUT YOU.

JUST ONE TIME, WHY DON'T YOU AND I...
ピク..
SO YOU'RE DITCHIN' US, HUH? WHAT A SHAME.

COME ON... JUST ONE TEENY LITTLE DATE?!
NEVER!
YOU STAY AWAY FROM MY SISTER!! YOU, CREEP!!
AH... THE EVER-DEVOTED BROTHER
WHAT'S THAT? "JUST ONE TIME," WHAT..? YOU WANNA DIE?

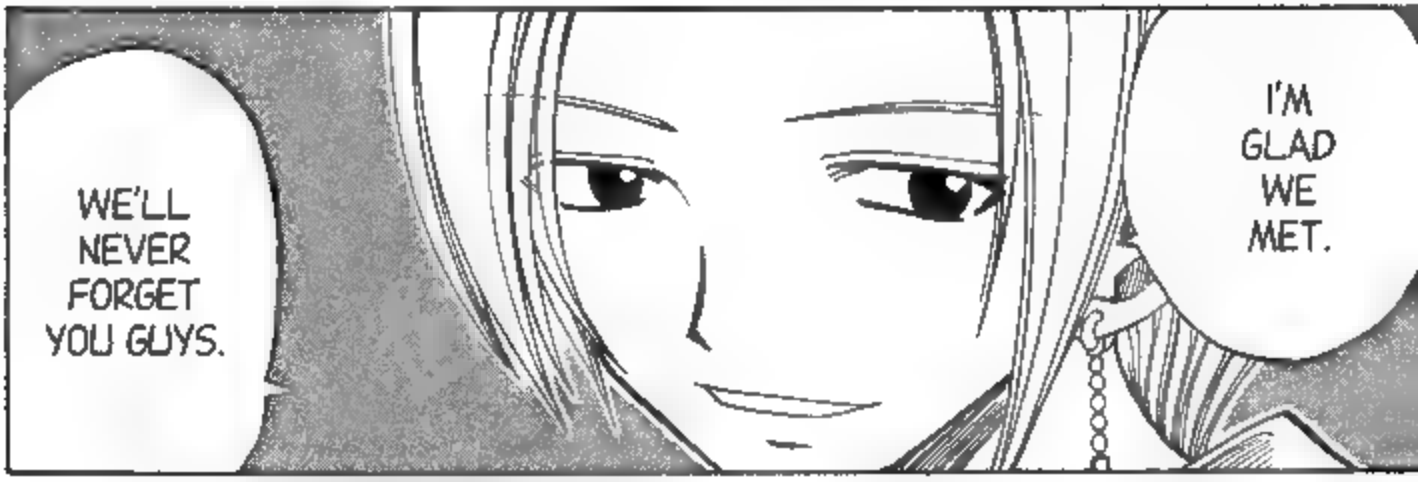
OUR ONLY GOAL WAS TO BE ABLE TO GO BACK HOME. THAT'S WHY WE CONTINUED TO FIGHT FOR SO LONG..
Gimme a break, will ya, buddy?
WE DECIDED FUA CAN TAKE CARE OF RABARRIER BY HIMSELF NOW
YUP.
SO ARE YOU AND SOLASIDO REALLY GOING BACK TO YOUR HOME-TOWN?

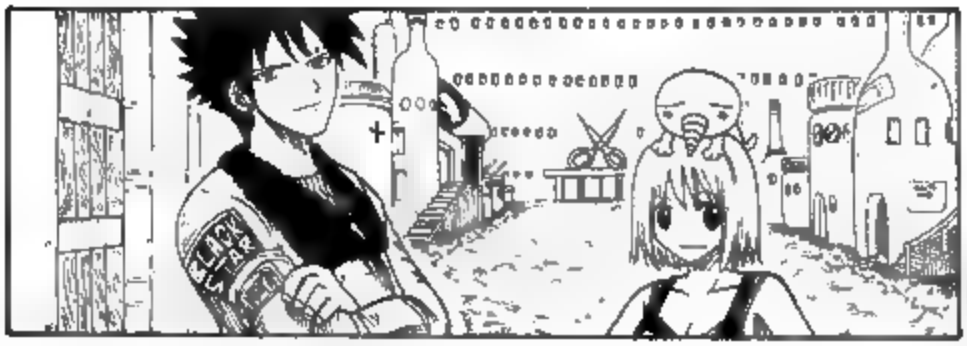

THAT'S RIGHT... WHERE IS HARU, ANYWAY?
Snot doesn't even come to see me get released from the hospital.
I SEE..
SAID GOODBYE TO HARU YESTERDAY

REMI.. WE SHOULD GET GOING SOON
RIGHT
NO WAY! SHOPPING? HIM?
HE SAID TO SAY HI, 'CAUSE HE'S BUSY SHOPPING TODAY
KNOW..

IT WAS GREAT MEETING YOU ALL.
THANKS!

REMI... ONCE YOU'RE A LITTLE OLDER, I'LL TAKE YOU OUT SOMETIME, 'KAY?
PUUN
TAKE CARE!

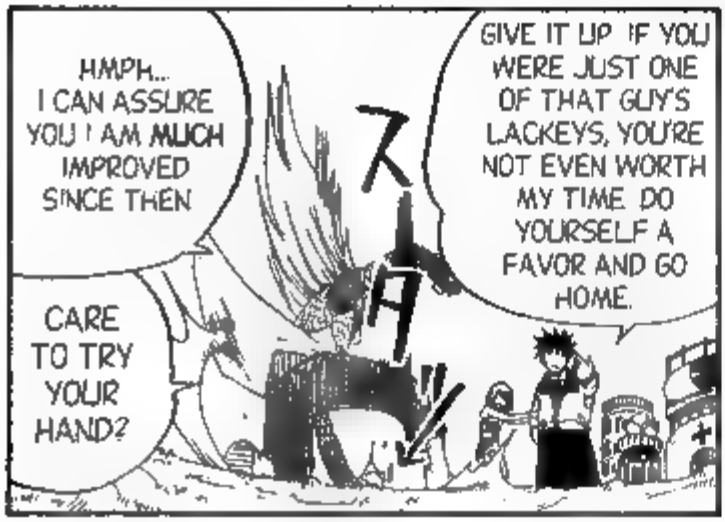

WE'LL NEVER FORGET YOU GUYS.
I'M GLAD WE MET.

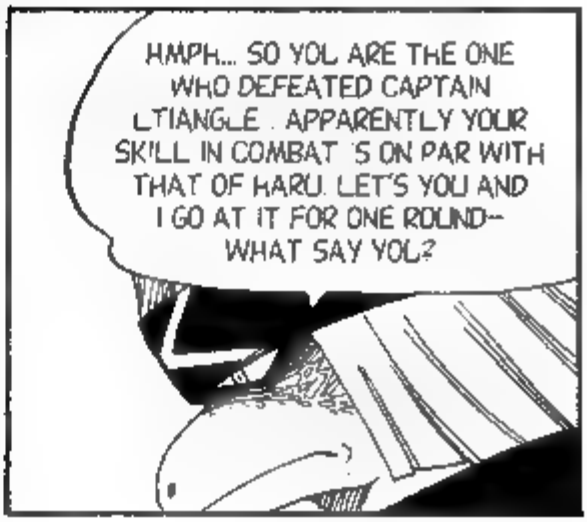


YUP
THEY'RE REALLY GONE

YOUR OWN HIDDEN TREASURE, HUH ?
MAYBE I'LL GET BACK TO LOOKING FOR MY OWN HIDDEN TREASURE.
I DUNNO.. THE FIGHTING'S OVER AND ALL...
SO... WHAT DO WE DO NOW, MUSICA?
!
YEAH.. I DID PROMISE HIM, BUT YOU KNOW..
WHADDAYA MEAN..? THOUGHT YOU WERE STICKIN' WITH HARL.
MAYBE I'LL GO ON A TRIP OF MY OWN TO FIND MY MEMORY
!
MR. ALLIGATOR ?
I SENSE GREAT SADNESS IN THE AIR.
WE'RE GOING AFTER DIFFERENT THINGS, YOU KNOW
HARU WAS TALKING ABOUT HOW HE'S GONNA COLLECT ALL THE RAVE STONES.
EVERYONE GOES THEIR SEPARATE WAYS..
SEE.

NO!! MUSICA, THIS PERSON (?) IS ON OUR SIDE!!
A DEMONOID. SO THERE'RE STILL SOME ALIVE.
I AM OF THE DRAGON RACE.
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO SAY THIS...?


HMPH... I CAN ASSURE YOU I AM MUCH IMPROVED SINCE THEN
CARE TO TRY YOUR HAND?
GIVE IT UP. IF YOU WERE JUST ONE OF THAT GUY'S LACKEYS, YOU'RE NOT EVEN WORTH MY TIME. DO YOURSELF A FAVOR AND GO HOME.


HMPH... SO YOU ARE THE ONE WHO DEFEATED CAPTAIN LTIANGLE. APPARENTLY YOUR SKILL IN COMBAT IS ON PAR WITH THAT OF HARU. LET'S YOU AND I GO AT IT FOR ONE ROUND-- WHAT SAY YOU?

I COME TO YOU WITH IMPORTANT NEWS.

HMPH.

YOU TOO, MR ALLIGATOR.. WHY ARE YOU HERE, ANY-WAY?
NO. DON'T DO TH S, MUSICA...
SOUNDS LIKE FUN.. I'M FEELIN' A BIT RUSTY LATELY I COULD USE THE WORKOUT

...MAY BE THE SAME.
THE ANSWER TO ALL OF YOUR QUESTS...
THEREIN LAY ALL THE ANSWERS
WHEN ALL OF THE RAVE STONES ARE COLLECTED IT IS SAID THE ROAD TO THE OTHER SIDE OF RAVE WILL OPEN.
!
YOU WILL FIND ALL YOUR ANSWERS THERE NO...IT WOULD BE EASIER TO SAY THERE EXISTS NO QUESTION THAT DOES NOT HAVE AN ANSWER ON THE OTHER SIDE OF RAVE
S-SILVER RAY .. HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT...?
AS WELL AS.. YOUR HIDDEN TREASURE .. THE SHIP, SILVER RAY
YOUR MEMORY, YOUNG LASS.. AND THE REAL MEANING OF RAVE..
!
!
UMPH.. THE OTHER SIDE OF RAVE. IN OTHER WORDS..
WHEN ALL OF THE RAVE STONES ARE TOGETHER.
I'VE SPENT MY LIFE LOOKING FOR SILVER RAY, AND ALL THIS TIME THE CLUES WERE RIGHT BESIDE ME.. THE RAVE STONES
SO THAT MEANS. WHEN ALL THE RAVE STONES ARE TOGETHER...
I'LL FIND OUT WHO I AM.

WE'RE HEADIN' FOR STAR MEMORY!
ORAO

DAD TOLD ME ABOUT IT.. THAT PLACE HAS ALL THE ANSWERS TO EVERYTHING.
STAR MEMORY ?
What's with the sack, dude?
HARU!!
IF I HAD TO PUT IT INTO WORDS, I WOULD SAY THAT IT IS THE LIFE FORCE.
IT IS THIS LIFE FORCE THAT HOLDS THE ANSWERS.
WHO KNOWS, MAYBE IT'S EVEN A PERSON.. HONESTLY, I DON'T HAVE A CLUE WHAT IT IS.
STAR MEMORY MAY BE A PLACE, OR IT MAY BE A THING.
SO IT'S A PLACE SOMEWHERE?
WELL... I'M NOT REALLY SURE ABOUT THAT PART.
NOW I GET IT.. HARU'S BEEN PLANNING ALL ALONG ON TAKING EVERYONE WITH HIM.. THEN WHEN HE HEARD I WAS GETTIN' OUT TODAY, HE HURRIED TO BUY EVERYTHING FOR THE TRIP
AND WHEN I DO, WE'LL HAVE OUR ANSWERS.
TWO MORE... JUST GOTTA FIND TWO MORE RAVES.

TO STAR MEMORY !

LET'S GO THERE TOGETHER

HARU SO YOU ARE GOING TO KEEP YOUR PROMISE

!
PUUN
HMM?
WHAT IS IT?
SNAP!
THAT'S AAAAWE-SOME!
WHOA
LOOKS LIKE OUR RIDE IS HERE

WE'VE MISSED YOU, MUSICA!
LONG TIME NO SEE, EVERYONE!!

MUSICA" I HATE TO SAY THIS, BUT WE HAVE ONE LITTLE PROBLEM

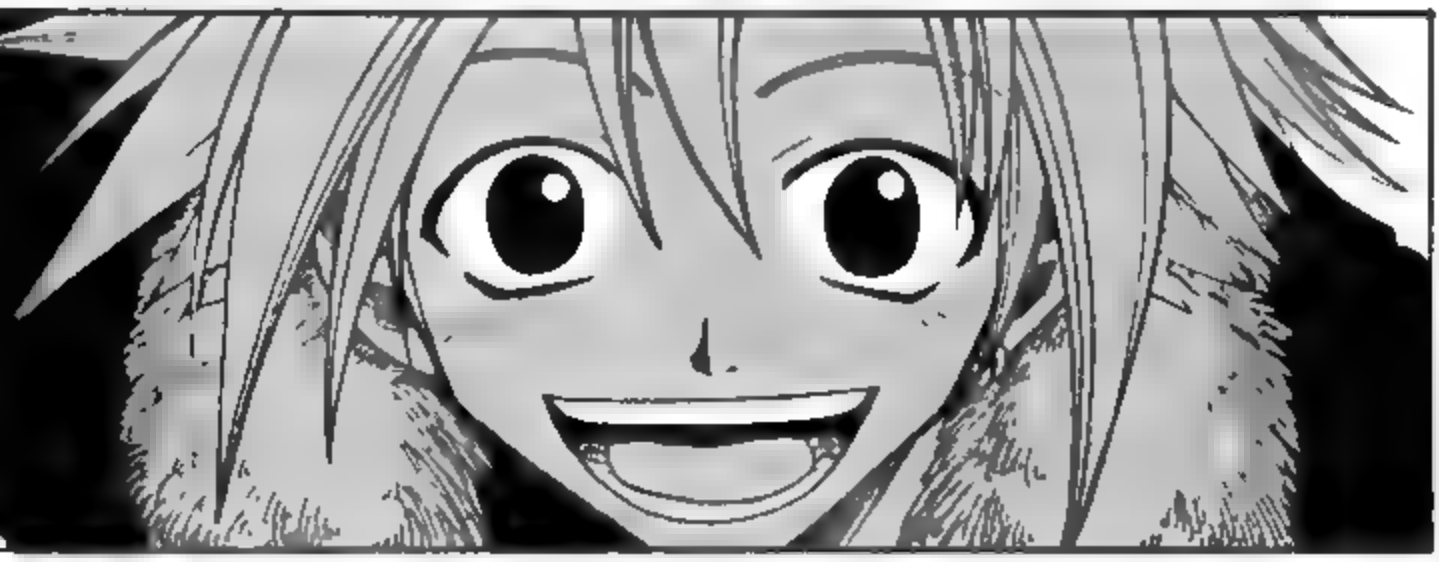
ISN'T THIS GREAT, PLUE? WE GET TO BE WITH GRIFF AGAIN
PUPUN

WHADDYA THINK? WE'LL BE TAKING THE SKIES FROM NOW ON
ALRIGHT"

YOU MORON!" YOU GOTTA FIX THAT KIND OF STUFF"

!
WE'RE HAVING SOME ENGINE TROUBLE. WE CAN'T STOP!!
YOU'LL HAVE TO JUMP ON AS WE GO BY"

HOW'S IT HANGIN'?
BLACK STAR
EEEK! I'M GONNA FALL!
NO SWEAT !!
LET'S GO!
.....
WE COULD USE YOU, DUDE.
I MEAN, IT SEEMS LIKE YOU KNOW A LOT OF STUFF
COME ON, LET!
!
HURRY, HARU!
OKAY!! I DON'T CARE WHY!! JUST GET ON!!
JUST SO WE'RE CLEAR...I AM ONLY ACCOMPANYING YOU IN ORDER THAT I MAY STUDY YOUR WEAKNESSES



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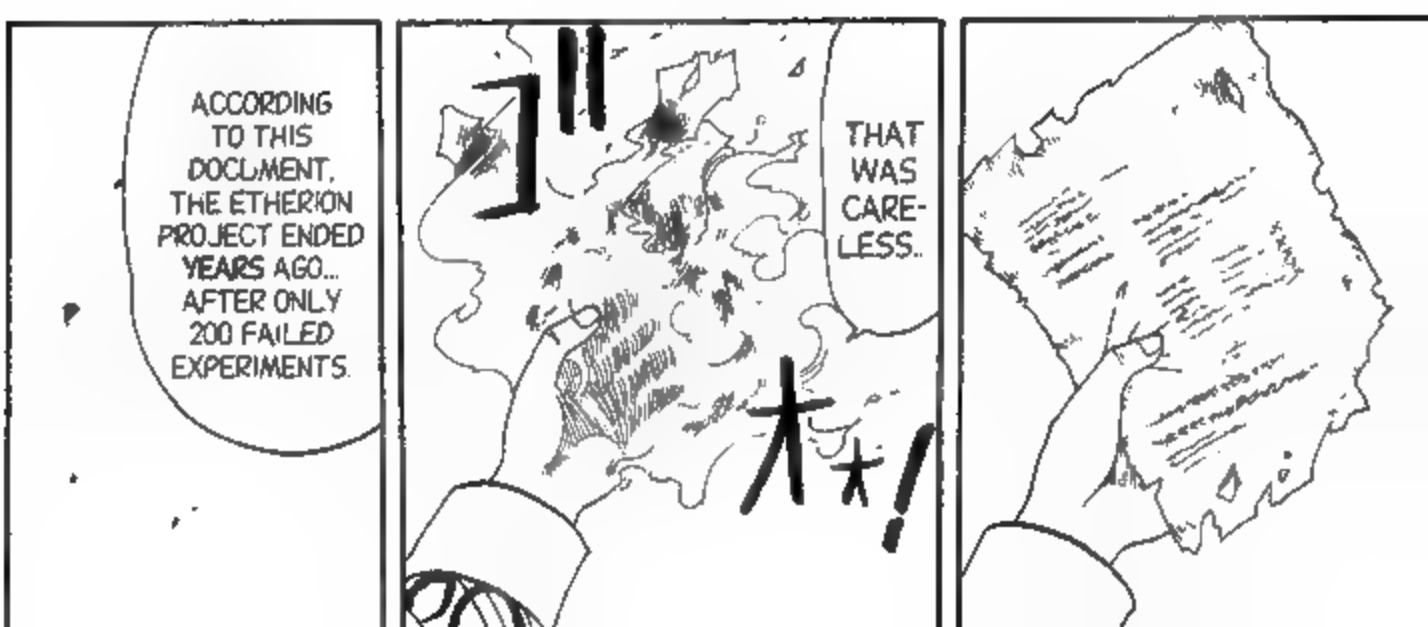
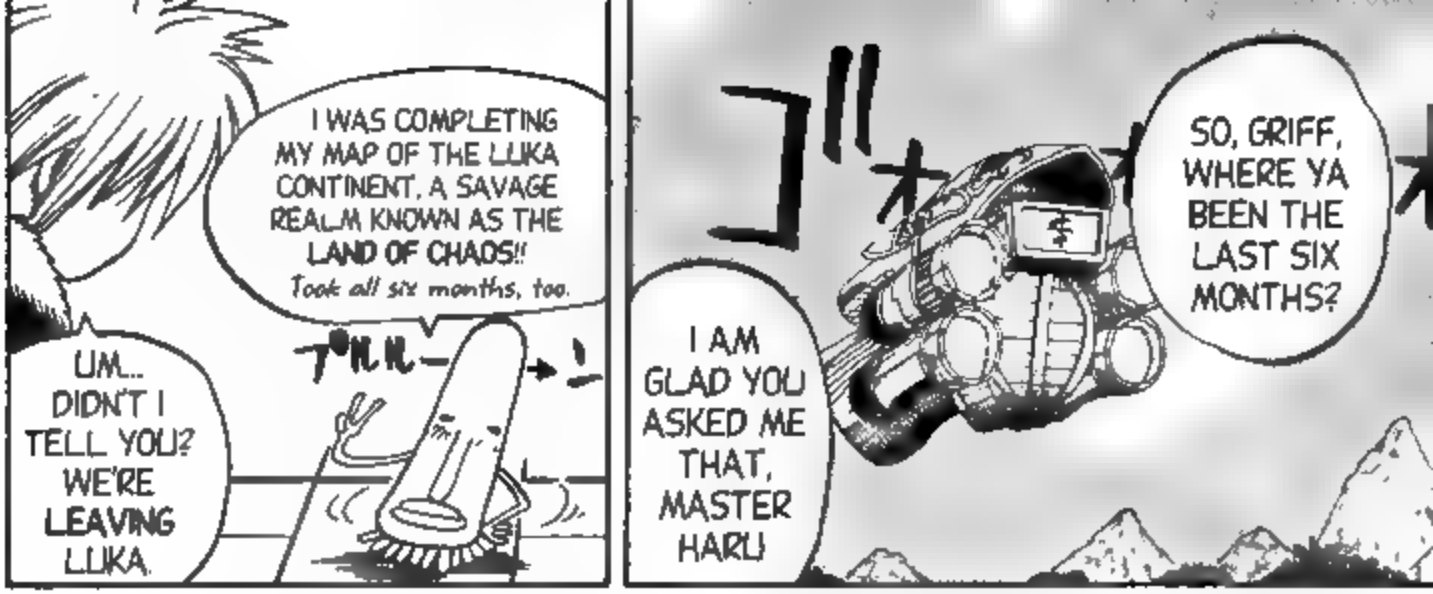
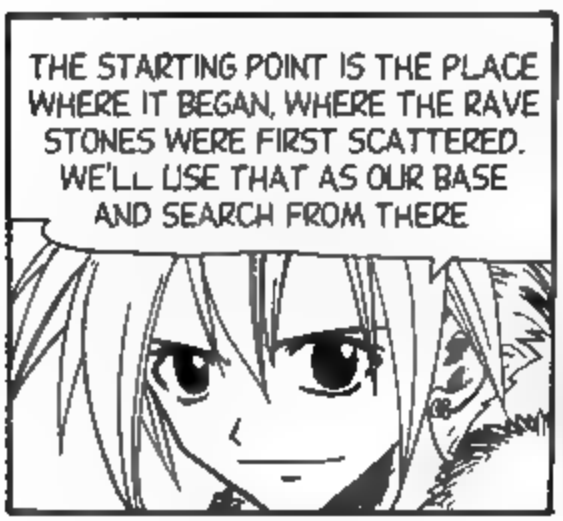

ACCORDING TO THIS DOCUMENT, THE ETHERION PROJECT ENDED YEARS AGO... AFTER ONLY 200 FAILED EXPERIMENTS.
THAT WAS CARE-LESS..

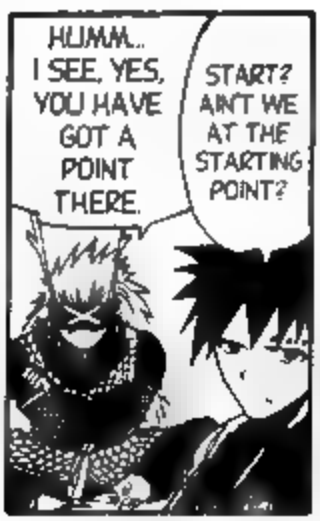
SO THEN WHY.. WHY WAS ELIE THERE THAT DAY..?
SO WHEN I DESTROYED THIS PLACE, IT WAS NO LONGER IN USE ANYWAY..
WHICH CAN ONLY MEAN... THERE WAS NEVER A TEST SUBJECT NUMBER 3173.

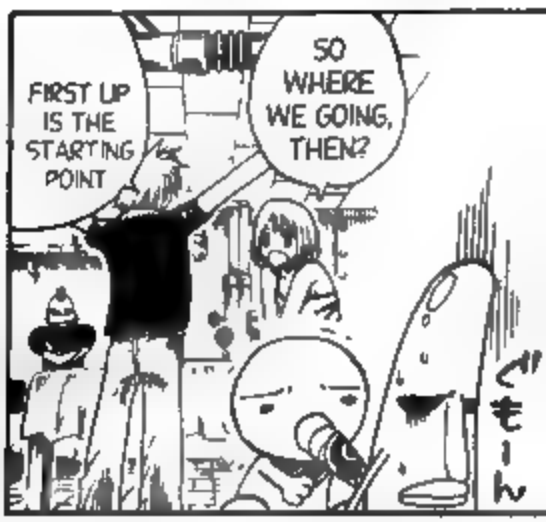
!
ELIE... JUST WHO ARE YOU...?
YOU HAVE THE SAME FACE AS RESHA, AND POSSESS THE POWER OF ETHERION...
THIS JUST... CAN'T BE...
IMPOSSIBLE

.. TO THE LAND WHERE SADNESS SLUMBERS.. SYMPHONIA.
IF I AM TO SAVE TIME, I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO GO...


I WAS COMPLETING MY MAP OF THE LUKA CONTINENT, A SAVAGE REALM KNOWN AS THE LAND OF CHAOS!!
Took all six months, too.
UM... DIDN'T I TELL YOU? WE'RE LEAVING LUKA.
SO, GRIFF, WHERE YA BEEN THE LAST SIX MONTHS?
I AM GLAD YOU ASKED ME THAT, MASTER HARU


THE STARTING POINT IS THE PLACE WHERE IT BEGAN, WHERE THE RAVE STONES WERE FIRST SCATTERED. WE'LL USE THAT AS OUR BASE AND SEARCH FROM THERE


HUMM.. I SEE. YES, YOU HAVE GOT A POINT THERE.
START? AIN'T WE AT THE STARTING POINT?


FIRST UP IS THE STARTING POINT
SO WHERE WE GOING, THEN?

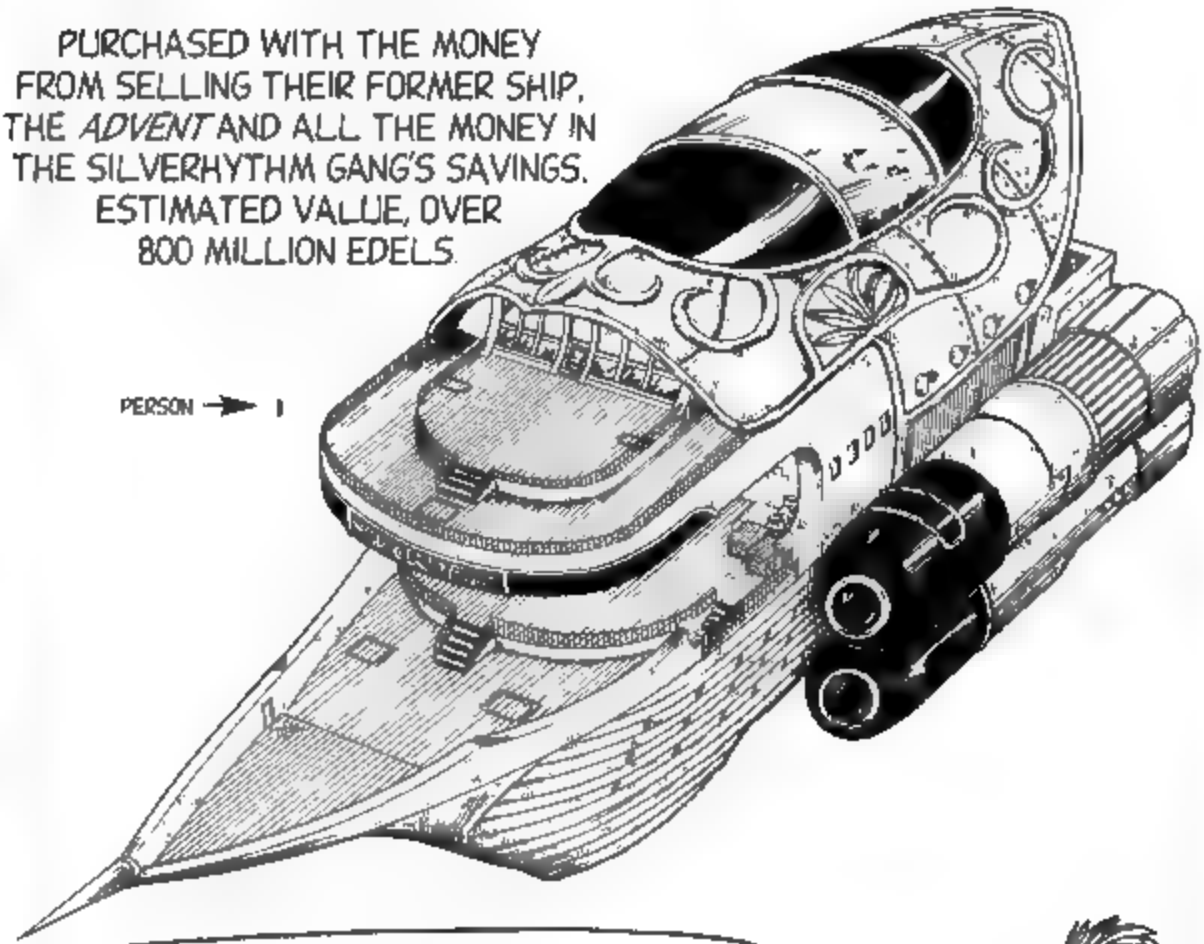
ON TO SYMPHONIA !!
YUP..
THE PLACE THE RAVE STONES SCATTERED?

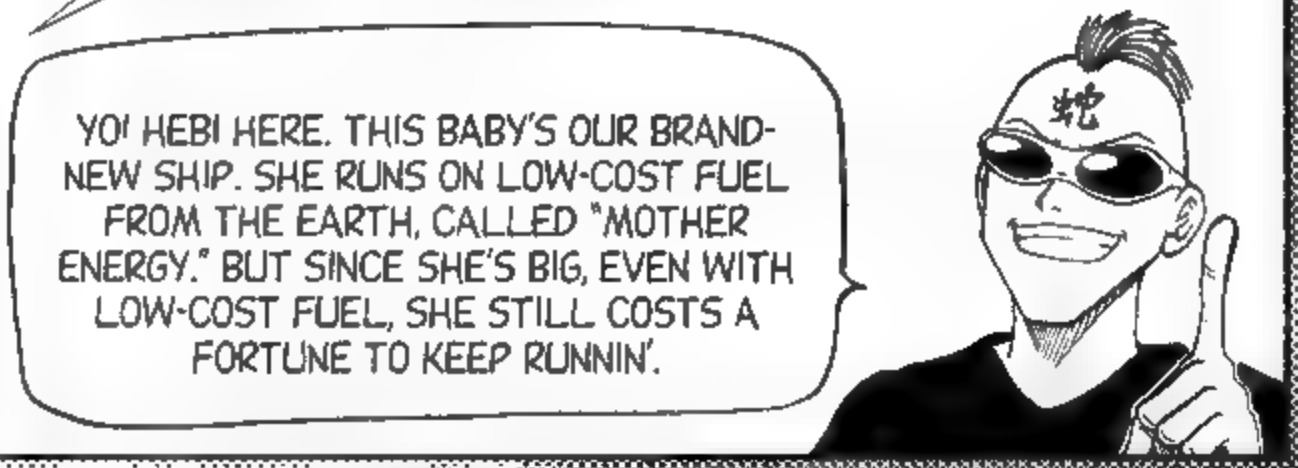
RAVE MASTER

FLYING SHIP SILVER KNIGHTS

PURCHASED WITH THE MONEY FROM SELLING THEIR FORMER SHIP, THE *ADVENT* AND ALL THE MONEY IN THE SILVERHYTHM GANG'S SAVINGS. ESTIMATED VALUE, OVER 800 MILLION EDELS.

PERSON →




YO! HEBI HERE. THIS BABY'S OUR BRAND-NEW SHIP. SHE RUNS ON LOW-COST FUEL FROM THE EARTH, CALLED "MOTHER ENERGY." BUT SINCE SHE'S BIG, EVEN WITH LOW-COST FUEL, SHE STILL COSTS A FORTUNE TO KEEP RUNNIN'.
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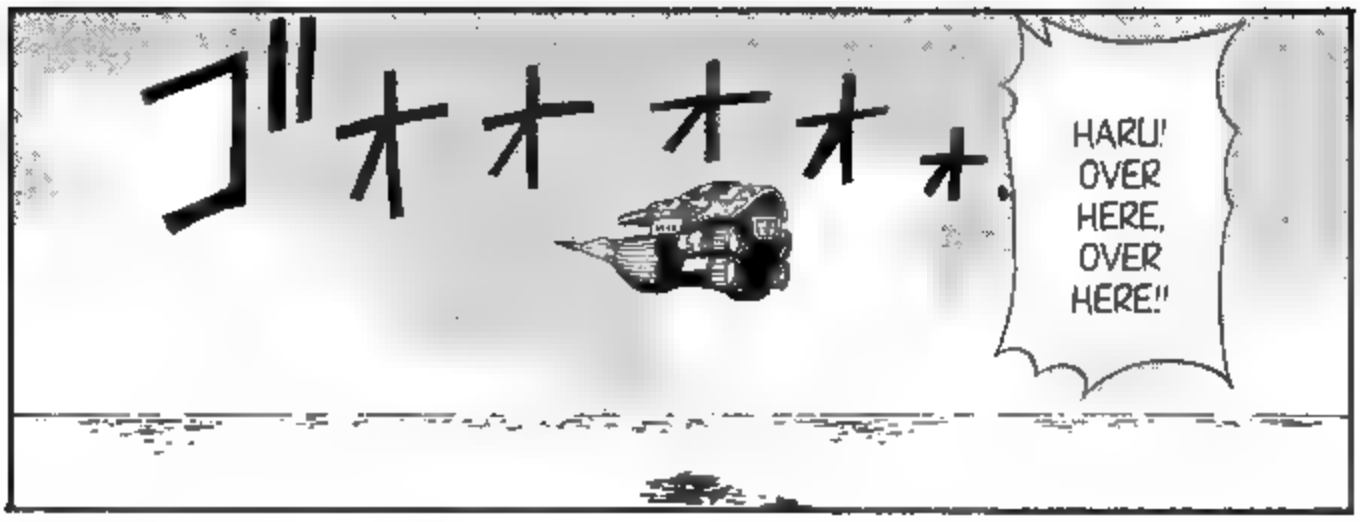
RAVE:75 ✚ THE SIDE ROADS ARE FULL OF DANGER?!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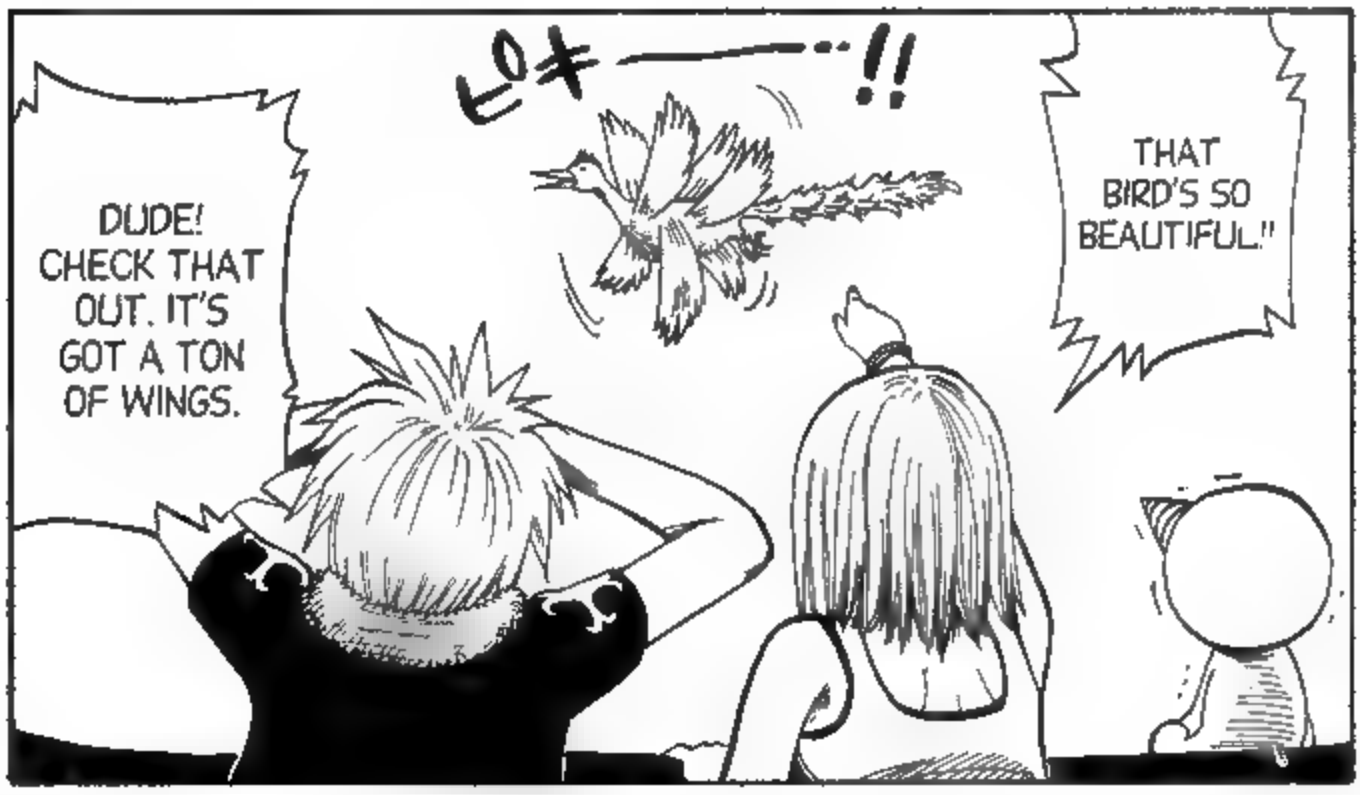
HARU! OVER HERE, OVER HERE!!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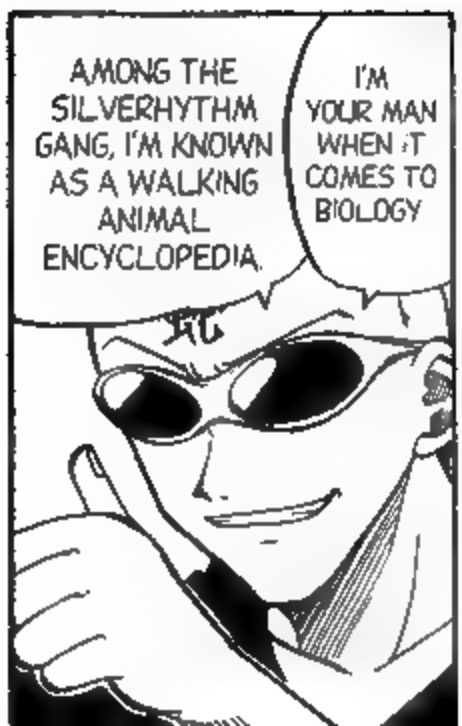
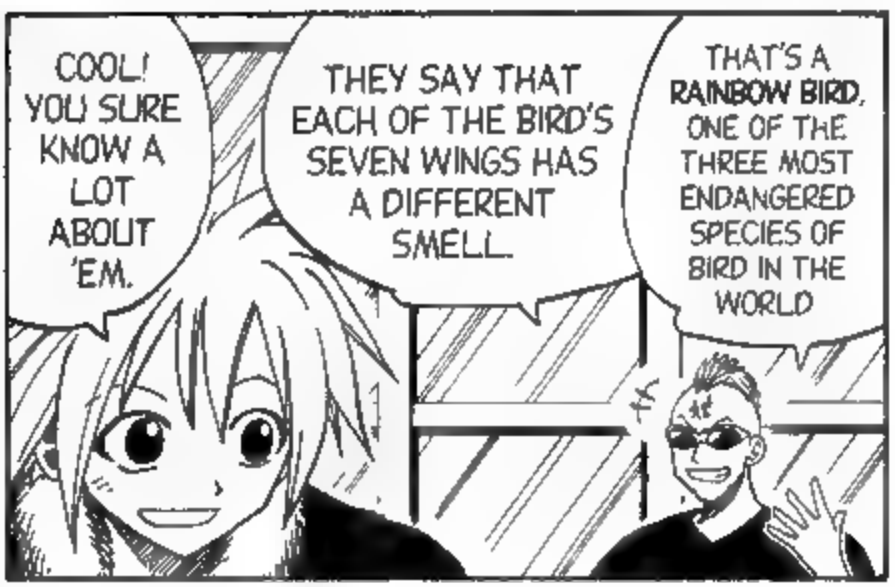
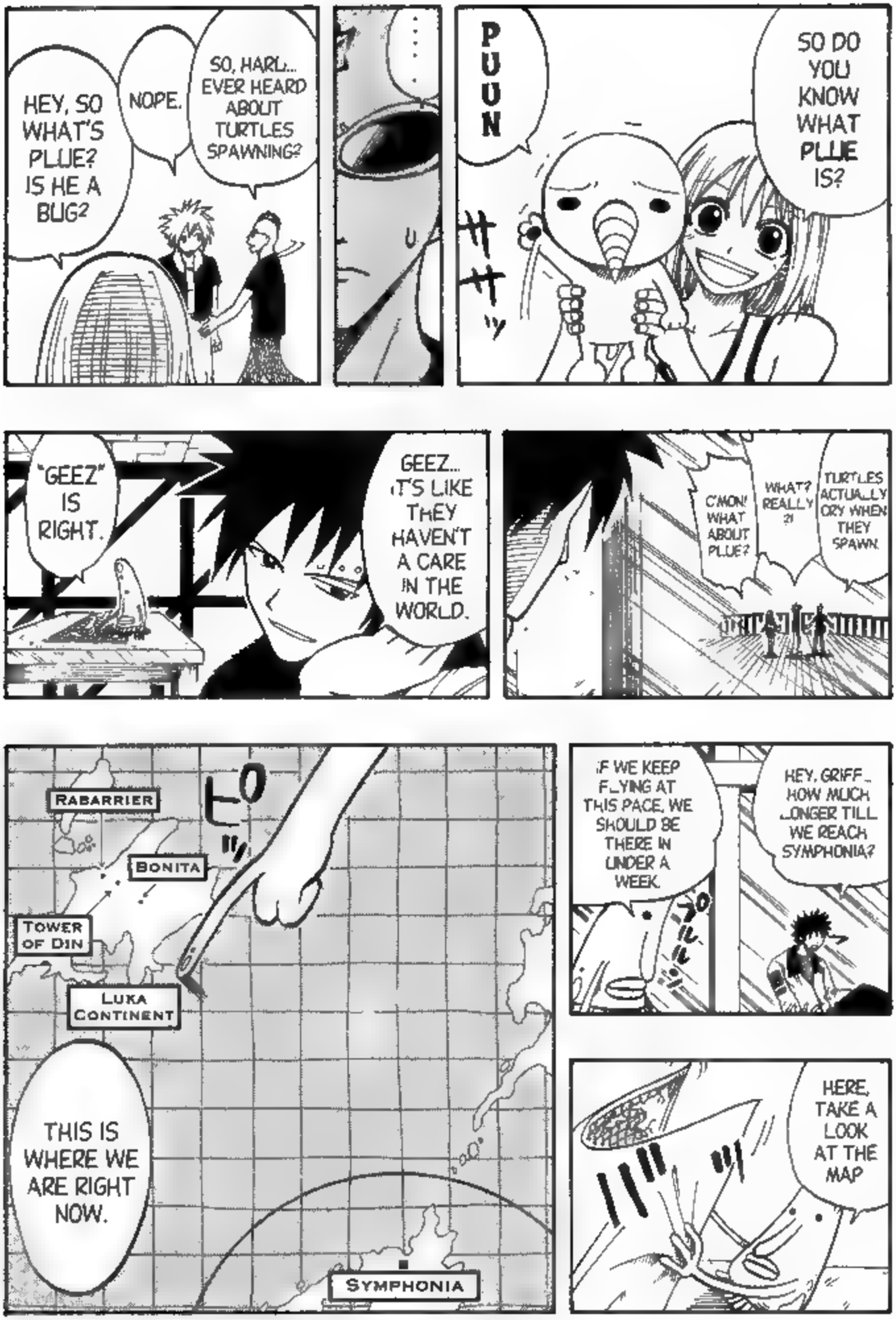
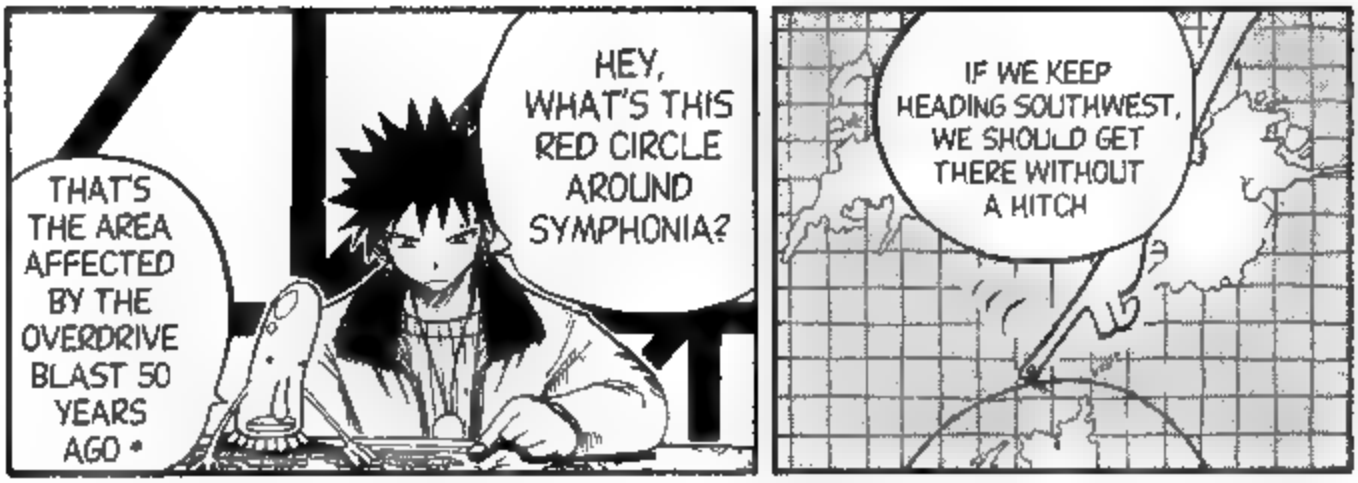
DUDE! CHECK THAT OUT. IT'S GOT A TON OF WINGS.
THAT BIRD'S SO BEAUTIFUL!!

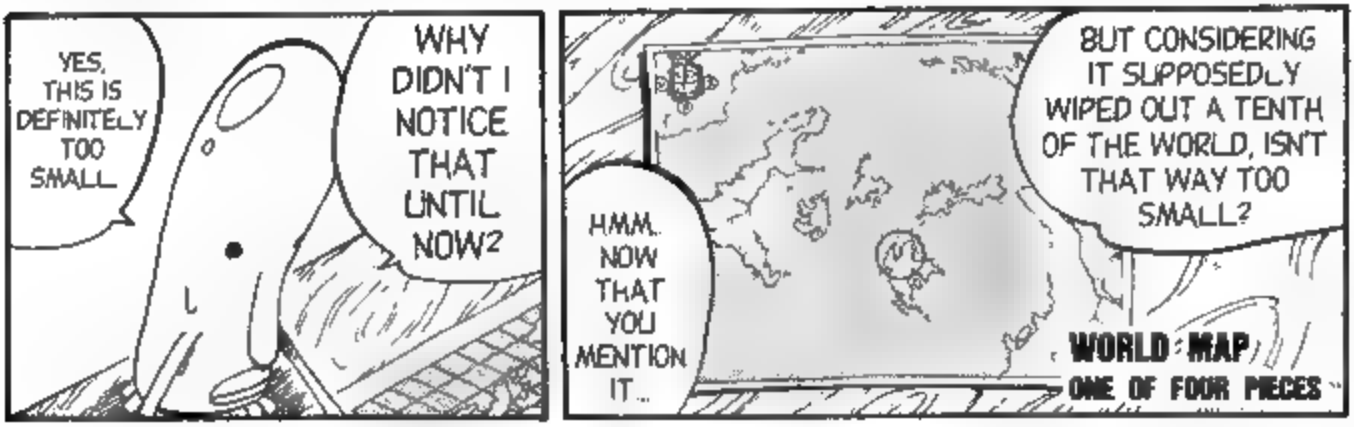

AMONG THE SILVERHYTHM GANG, I'M KNOWN AS A WALKING ANIMAL ENCYCLOPEDIA.
I'M YOUR MAN WHEN IT COMES TO BIOLOGY

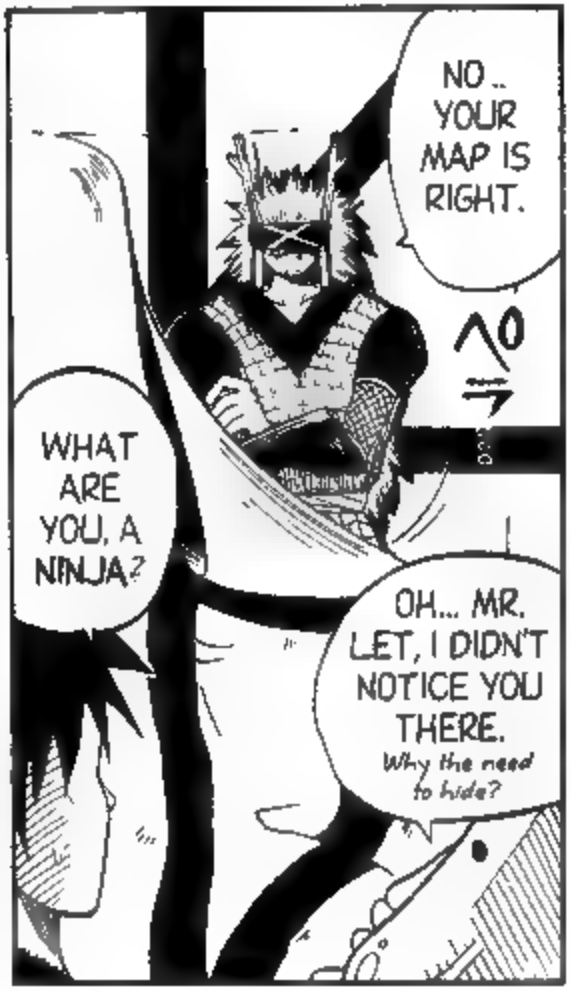

COOL! YOU SURE KNOW A LOT ABOUT 'EM.
THEY SAY THAT EACH OF THE BIRD'S SEVEN WINGS HAS A DIFFERENT SMELL.
THAT'S A RAINBOW BIRD, ONE OF THE THREE MOST ENDANGERED SPECIES OF BIRD IN THE WORLD

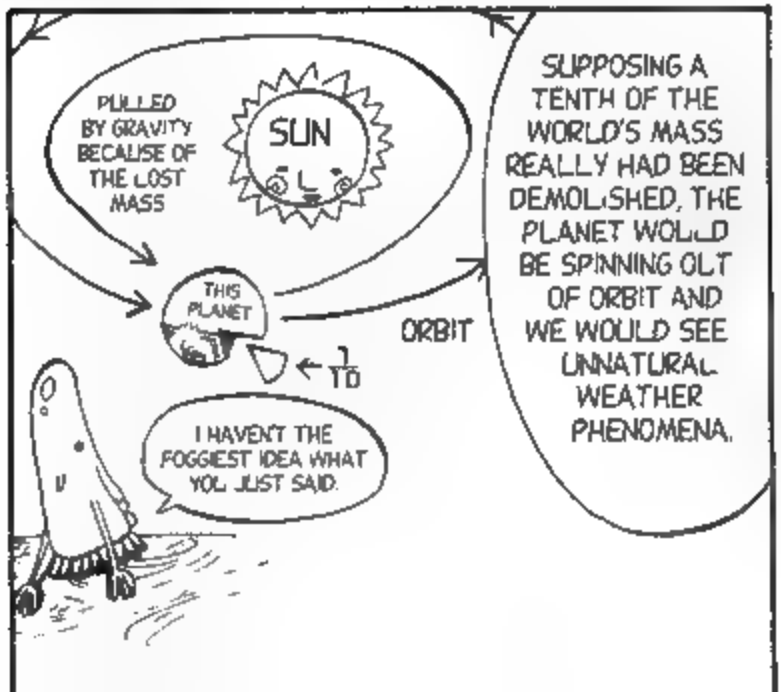

HEY, SO WHAT'S PLUE? IS HE A BUG?
NOPE.
SO, HARL... EVER HEARD ABOUT TURTLES SPAWNING?
. . . .
PUUN
SO DO YOU KNOW WHAT PLUE IS?
"GEEZ" IS RIGHT.
GEEZ... IT'S LIKE THEY HAVEN'T A CARE IN THE WORLD.
C'MON! WHAT ABOUT PLUE?
WHAT? REALLY ?!
TURTLES ACTUALLY CRY WHEN THEY SPAWN.
RABARRIER
BONITA
TOWER OF DIN
LUKA CONTINENT
THIS IS WHERE WE ARE RIGHT NOW.
SYMPHONIA
IF WE KEEP FLYING AT THIS PACE, WE SHOULD BE THERE IN UNDER A WEEK.
HEY, GRIFF... HOW MUCH LONGER TILL WE REACH SYMPHONIA?
HERE, TAKE A LOOK AT THE MAP


HEY, WHAT'S THIS RED CIRCLE AROUND SYMPHONIA?
THAT'S THE AREA AFFECTED BY THE OVERDRIVE BLAST 50 YEARS AGO *
IF WE KEEP HEADING SOUTHWEST, WE SHOULD GET THERE WITHOUT A HITCH

*ACTUALLY THAT WOULD BE 51 YEARS. NOW


YES, THIS IS DEFINITELY TOO SMALL.
WHY DIDN'T I NOTICE THAT UNTIL NOW?
HMM. NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
BUT CONSIDERING IT SUPPOSEDLY WIPED OUT A TENTH OF THE WORLD, ISN'T THAT WAY TOO SMALL?
WORLD MAP
ONE OF FOUR PIECES




PULLED BY GRAVITY BECAUSE OF THE LOST MASS
SUN
THIS PLANET
ORBIT
1 TD
I HAVEN'T THE FOGGIEST IDEA WHAT YOU JUST SAID.
SUPPOSING A TENTH OF THE WORLD'S MASS REALLY HAD BEEN DEMOLISHED, THE PLANET WOULD BE SPINNING OUT OF ORBIT AND WE WOULD SEE UNNATURAL WEATHER PHENOMENA.

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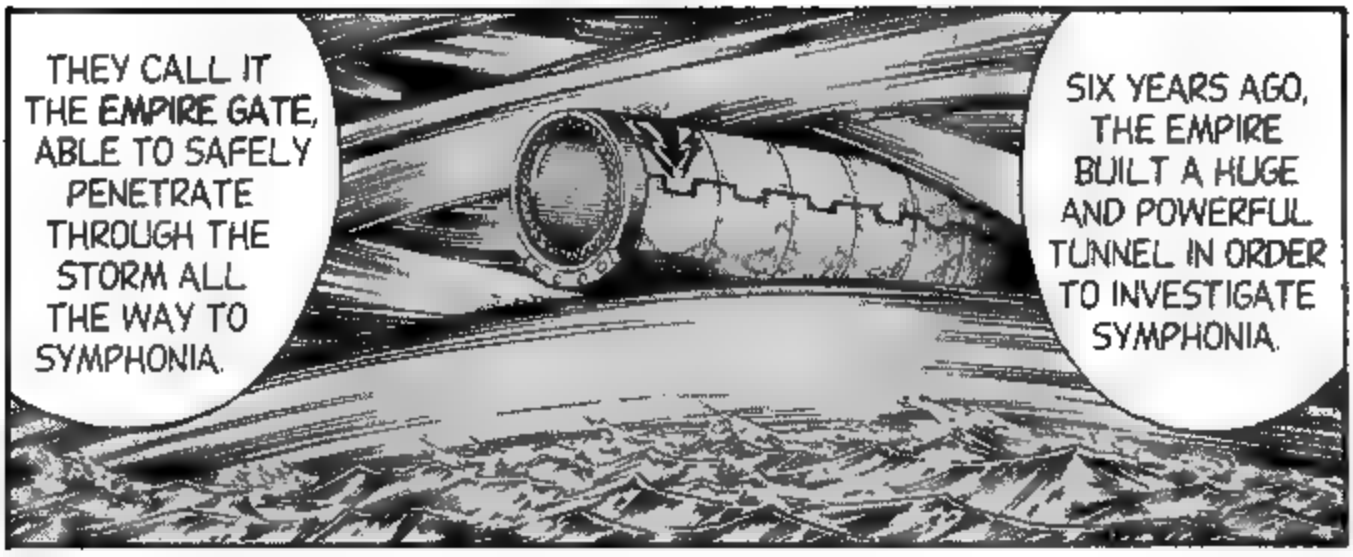
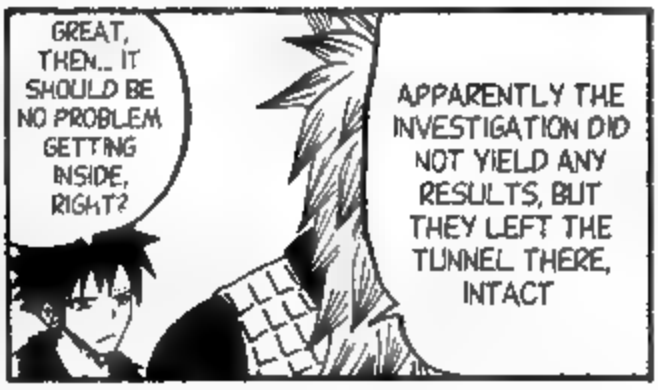
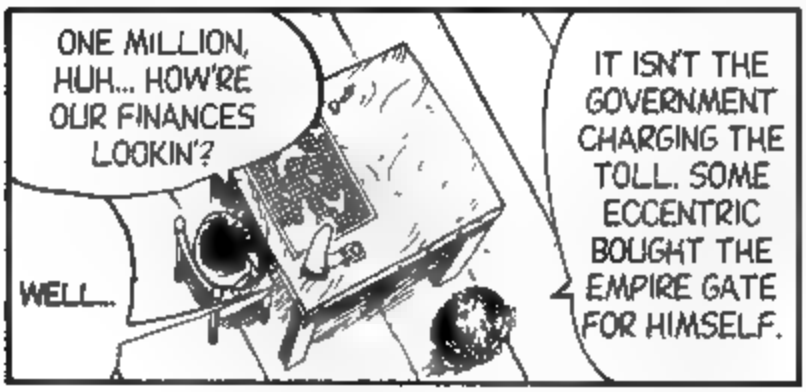
HOWEVER, THIS OVERDRIVE DID NOT DISRUPT THE PLANET'S ORBIT BUT IT DID MANAGE TO CAUSE A MAJOR DISTURBANCE IN THE ATMOSPHERE SURROUNDING SYMPHONIA.
I GET IT... IT MAKES SENSE ONCE YOU THINK ABOUT IT.
THE DEATH STORM.
A HUGE, POWERFUL STORM THAT ENCIRCLES SYMPHONIA TO THIS DAY.
AND HERE YOU WERE ALL SET TO FLY TO SYMPHONIA... WHAT WOULD YOU EVER DO WITHOUT ME?
ALL RIGHT WISE GUY JUST TELL US THE SECRET
SO HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO GET TO SYMPHONIA?
WHAT'S THIS? YOU DON'T KNOW THAT, EITHER?
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDIN' ME... I HAD NO IDEA. YOU MEAN WE CAN'T GET TO SYMPHONIA UNLESS WE BUST OUR WAY THROUGH THAT STORM?
THERE HAS BEEN MANY A CHALLENGER, BUT NONE HAVE MADE IT OUT ALIVE
YOU CANNOT BREAK THROUGH. NOT FROM THE AIR, NOR FROM THE WATER

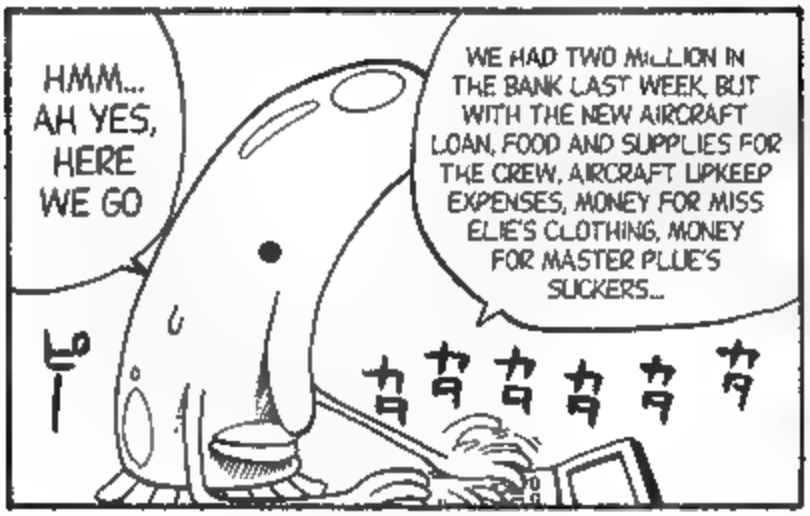

THEY CALL IT THE EMPIRE GATE, ABLE TO SAFELY PENETRATE THROUGH THE STORM ALL THE WAY TO SYMPHONIA.
SIX YEARS AGO, THE EMPIRE BUILT A HUGE AND POWERFUL TUNNEL IN ORDER TO INVESTIGATE SYMPHONIA.

WHOA!!
YES, ASSUMING YOU CAN PAY THE ONE MILLION EDEL TOLL.


GREAT, THEN... IT SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM GETTING INSIDE, RIGHT?
APPARENTLY THE INVESTIGATION DID NOT YIELD ANY RESULTS, BUT THEY LEFT THE TUNNEL THERE, INTACT


ONE MILLION, HUH... HOW'RE OUR FINANCES LOOKIN'?
WELL...
IT ISN'T THE GOVERNMENT CHARGING THE TOLL. SOME ECCENTRIC BOUGHT THE EMPIRE GATE FOR HIMSELF.

HOW DO THEY EXPECT ANYONE TO PAY THAT KINDA CASH, MAN?!
I ALWAYS KNEW THE GOVERNMENT WAS CROOKED, BUT I DIDN'T REALIZE THEY WERE SUCH BIG CROOKS!


HMM... AH YES, HERE WE GO
WE HAD TWO MILLION IN THE BANK LAST WEEK, BUT WITH THE NEW AIRCRAFT LOAN, FOOD AND SUPPLIES FOR THE CREW, AIRCRAFT UPKEEP EXPENSES, MONEY FOR MISS ELIE'S CLOTHING, MONEY FOR MASTER PLUE'S SUCKERS...

I SHOULD'VE NEVER LET HEBI TAKE CARE OF THE BOOKS..
LEMME SEE THAT!! AW, GREK WE'RE NOT EVEN CLOSE!
WHAT ?!
NOT ONLY DO WE NOT HAVE ONE MILLION FOR THE TOLL, BUT IT APPEARS WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FUNDS TO LAST THE WEEK. WE'RE BROKE
FORGET HEBI WOULDN'T TRUST HIM WITH MY SODA MONEY NOW AND WE'D BETTER NOT LET HARU AND THEM KNOW ABOUT THIS E THER... MAN, THIS IS A PAIN.
WHAT SHA... WE DO? SHOULD WE DISCUSS THIS WITH MR. HEBI? AND HOW DO WE BREAK THE NEWS TO HARU AND THE REST?
I MEAN, LOOK AT HIM! NAPPING AWAY WITHOUT A CARE IN THE WORLD...
PATHETIC.
IF WORSE COMES TO WORST, I GUESS I COULD GO BACK TO STEALIN'..
PERHAPS WE COULD GET BY WITH MISS EJIE'S WINNINGS FROM THE CASINOS..
HOW DID YOU PLAN ON MANAGING THIS?
I HAVE A QUESTION.. NOT EVEN COUNTING THE MILLION TOLL, YOU ARE GOING TO NEED MONEY TO CONTINUE THIS VOYAGE, YOU KNOW
AT ANY RATE...
PLUS OPERATING EXPENSES.
ONE WHOLE MILLION, HUH...?

I WANNA SEE TOO!
IT REALLY DOES SMELL GOOD.
PUCHI
I CAUGHT THE BIRD!!!
I DID IT!!!
NMM!
WHAT'S THAT?
I ALREADY TOLD YOU!! IT'S ONE OF THE THREE MOST ENDANGERED SPECIES IN THE WORLD!!
WHY NOT?
WHAT THE-?! YOU CAN'T CATCH THAT!
HOWEVER, DUE TO AIR POLLUTION, RAINBOW BIRDS STARTED DOWN THE ROAD TO EXTINCTION, AND THE MERE FIVE REMAINING SPECIMENS ARE VALUABLE BEYOND WORDS
IT IS SAID THAT SEEING A RAINBOW-COLORED FLOCK WAS QUITE THE SIGHT TO BEHOLD
A LONG TIME AGO, RAINBOW BIRDS USED TO FLOURISH ON THE CONTINENT OF ALBANA, AND THEY WOULD MIGRATE SOUTH FOR THE WINTER

I HAD NO IDEA!
I'M SO SORRY, MR. BUMPY-PANTS!
MR. BUMPY PANTS?
EEP!
I'M SORRY!!
BUMPY!
BYE-BYE, MR. BUMPY-PANTS!
YOU MUST BE STRONG, LITTLE FRIEND!! BE FREE! LIVE!!
HOLY MOTHER OF RAVE... I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT! WHERE THE GREK DID IT COME FROM?
MUSICA!! WHAT IS THAT THING?!
ELIE!! WEREN'T YOU LISTENING AT ALL?! MR. BUMPYPANTS, IS-YOU KNOW-GAH!!
SIGH... I WANTED TO KEEP HIM.
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IT'S HUGE...
YEAH...
AH!!
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AAAAAH, I'M IN HEAVEN. ♡
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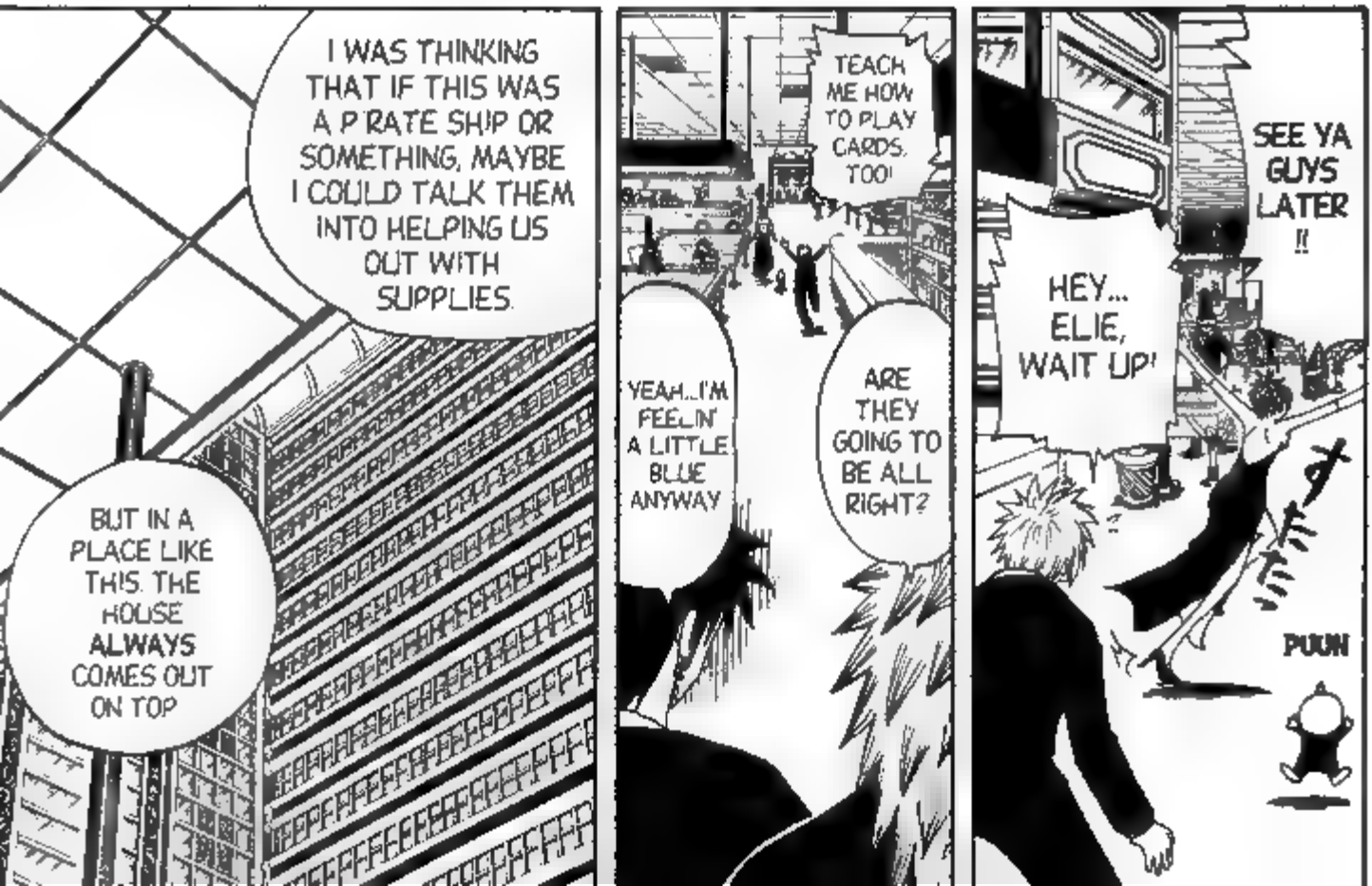
A FLOATING CASINO?

YOU GUYS HAVE A GOOD TIME! AND LET--YOU'RE LOOKIN' GOOD IN THOSE THREADS.
SUCKS
THIS IS THE BIGGEST CASINO I'VE EVER SEEN!
WHOA!! EVERYTHING'S SO SHINY AND CLEAN!


I WAS THINKING THAT IF THIS WAS A PIRATE SHIP OR SOMETHING, MAYBE I COULD TALK THEM INTO HELPING US OUT WITH SUPPLIES.
BUT IN A PLACE LIKE THIS, THE HOUSE ALWAYS COMES OUT ON TOP
TEACH ME HOW TO PLAY CARDS, TOO!
YEAH...I'M FEELIN' A LITTLE BLUE ANYWAY
ARE THEY GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT?
SEE YA GUYS LATER!!
HEY... ELIE, WAIT UP!
PUUN

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RICH PEOPLE...?
SO THAT'S WHY THE DRESS CODE, HUH? MAN, DO I FEEL LIKE A FISH OUTTA WATER
STUPID RICH PEOPLE..
JUDGING FROM THE CLIENTELE, THIS APPEARS TO BE A RESORT FOR THE WEALTHY ELITE.
?
NO, IT CAN'T BE. YOU'RE NOT THINKING OF SELLING DIRTY PICTURES OF ELIE... ARE YOU?!"
ALL RIGHT, BOYS! OUR MONEY PROBLEMS ARE OVER!!
THAT'S IT! THIS IS PERFECT!
NO, A SPONSOR.
BASICALLY A SUCKER.
SOMEONE WHO WILL FINANCE THE TRIP IN EXCHANGE FOR SOMETHING.
SPONSOR?
WE'LL JUST FIND A SPONSOR!! A RICH ONE!!

YOU UNDER-ESTIMATE THE MUSICA CHARM.
HMM.. BUT I DOUBT YOU WILL FIND A WILLING PERSON THAT EASILY
I SEE.
IF WE FIND SOMEONE TO PUT UP THE MONEY FOR OUR TRIP, NO MORE WORRIES!
KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH THESE RICH CATS. C'MON GRIFF LET'S DO SOME GRIFTING.
Starting with the ladies, of course.
ROGER.. LET'S GO FIND SOMEONE!
Starting with the honeys, of course.
THIS IS A LOT TOUGHER THAN I THOUGHT
SIGH..

UWAAH!
MR. LET, IS THIS A HOBBY OF YOURS?
UNCONDITIONALLY?
GUESS SHOULDN'T EXPECT PEOPLE TO JUST HAND OVER MONEY UNCONDITIONALLY
SOMETHING.. ENTICING.
YEAH... IN EXCHANGE FOR THEM FRONTING US THE MONEY, WE NEED TO THINK OF SOMETHING ENTICING TO DO IN EXCHANGE. IT'S COMMON SENSE.
IT-IT'S NOTHING. YOU TWO.. BE CAUTIOUS IN YOUR SEARCH FOR A SUCKER SPONSOR.
WHAT'S THE MATTER LET?
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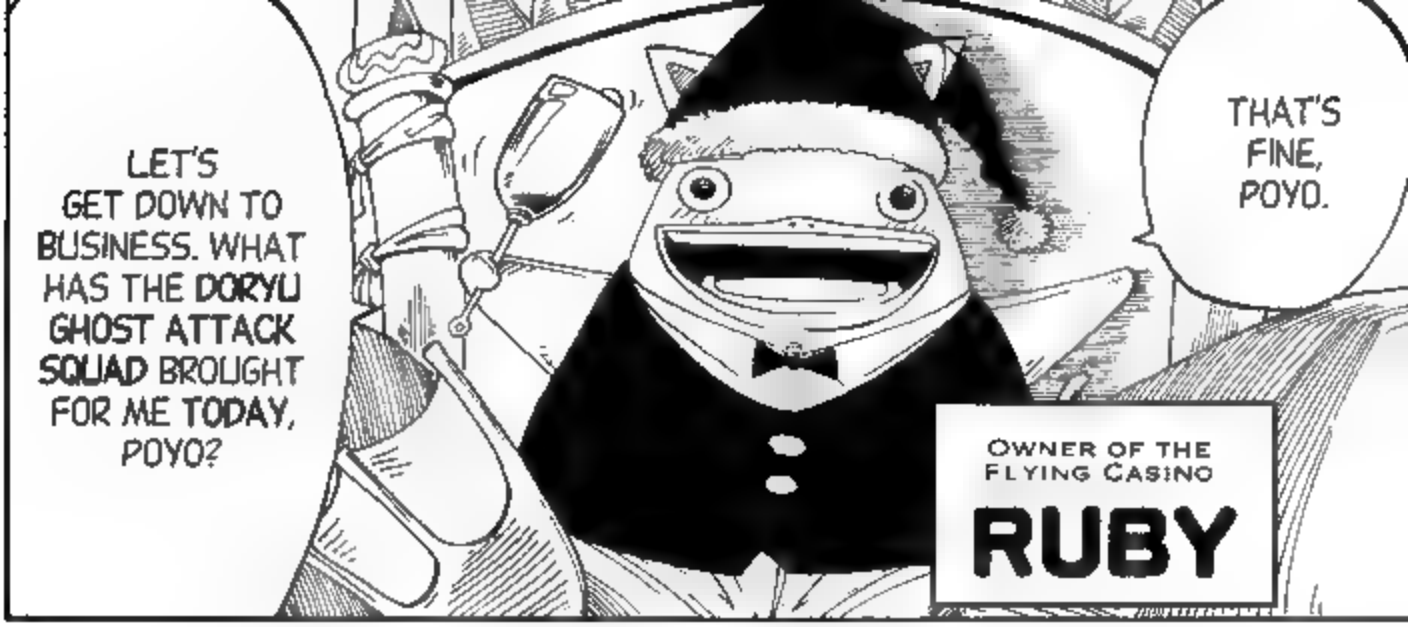
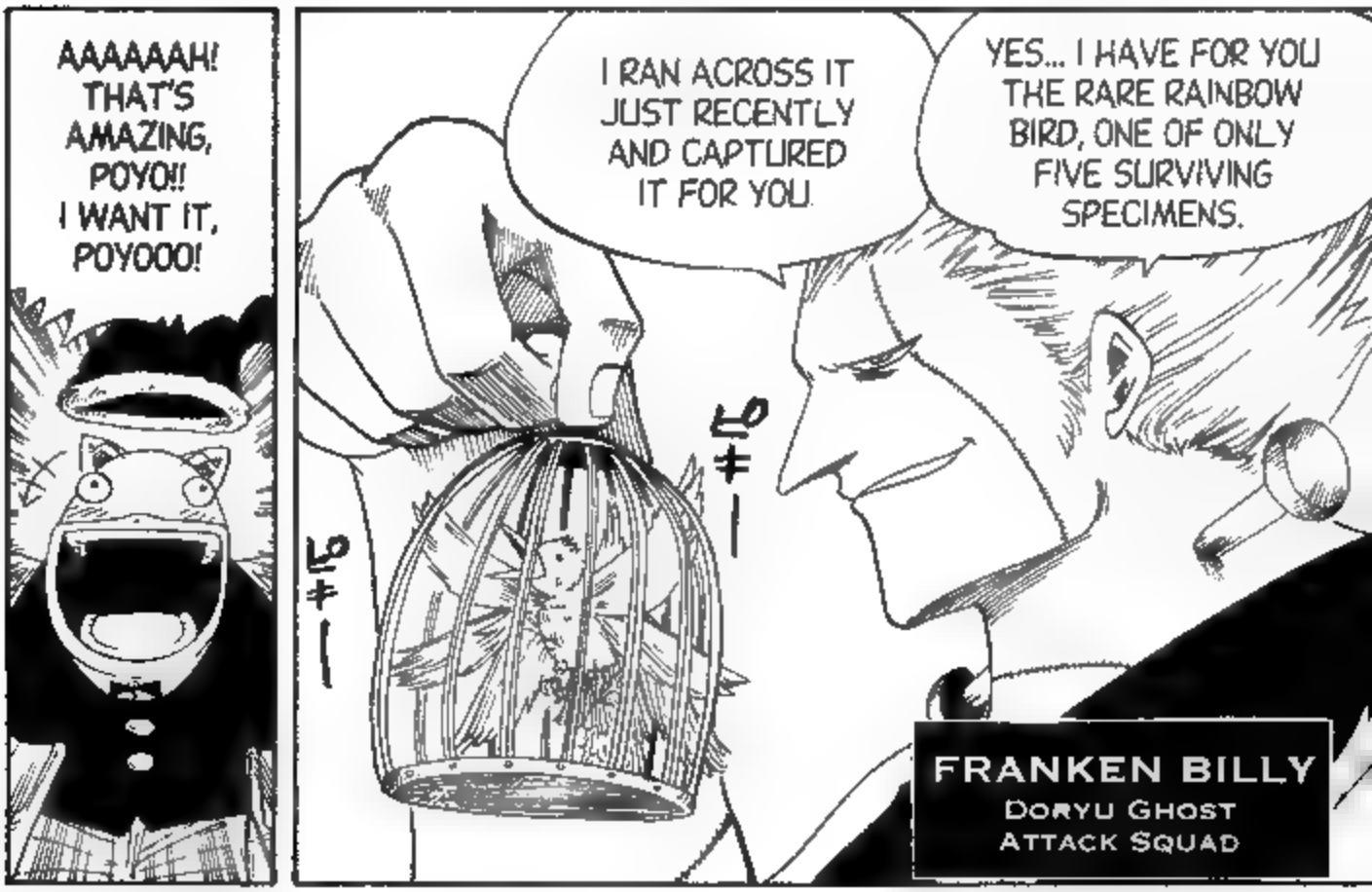
AND THAT GUY WITH THE FUR
THE INSIGNIA THEY BEAR...
THAT LADY WITH THE STRANGE HAIR...

LET US PRAY THAT NOTHING BAD HAP-PENS.
AND THOSE TWO— THEY SEEM DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER CUSTOMERS... THIS PLACE APPEARS TO BE MORE THAN JUST A PLACE OF AMUSEMENT
I HAVE SEEN IT SOME-WHERE BEFORE
HOW ARE WE FEELING TODAY?
MASTER RUBY.
OWNER·ROOM
IT'S BEEN SIX MONTHS SINCE DC MET ITS END, POYO. IT'S WONDERFUL WITH ALL THE BAD GUYS GONE, POYO, ISN'T IT?
YES, INDEED
JUST FINE, POYO.
MM-HMM.
HE'S BUSY WITH UNEX-PECTED BUSI-NESS...
HOWEVER HE DOES SEND HIS DEEPEST APOLOGIES FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO MEET WITH YOU TODAY...
MASTER DORYU IS JUST FINE, AS USUAL.
AND HOW IS DORYU, POYO?


LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS. WHAT HAS THE DORYU GHOST ATTACK SQUAD BROUGHT FOR ME TODAY, POYO?
THAT'S FINE, POYO.
OWNER OF THE FLYING CASINO
RUBY


AAAAAAH! THAT'S AMAZING, POYO!! I WANT IT, POYOOO!
I RAN ACROSS IT JUST RECENTLY AND CAPTURED IT FOR YOU.
YES... I HAVE FOR YOU THE RARE RAINBOW BIRD, ONE OF ONLY FIVE SURVIVING SPECIMENS.
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FRANKEN BILLY
DORYU GHOST ATTACK SQUAD

TCH!
JUST BEING ABLE TO SEE A REAL ONE IN PERSON IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME, POYO
RAINBOW BIRDS ARE ON THE VERGE OF EXTINCTION, POYO POOR THINGS, POYO
A COLLECTOR OF RARE GOODS SUCH AS YOURSELF IS GOING TO SET THIS RARE CREATURE FREE?
BUT I'M GOING TO LET IT GO, POYO.

I JUST SAW ONE OF THESE DOWN IN THE CASINO, POYO.
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SO ..DOES THIS MEAN I GET NO REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES THIS T ME?
DON'T WORRY POYO THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE I WANT POYO
AND THEN, YOU..
UNDERSTOOD, SIR... I SHALL BRING IT IN PRESENTLY
THAT'S WHY I WANT IT, POYO
I HAVE NO IDEA, POYO.
WHAT THE HECK IS IT?
OWNER ROOM
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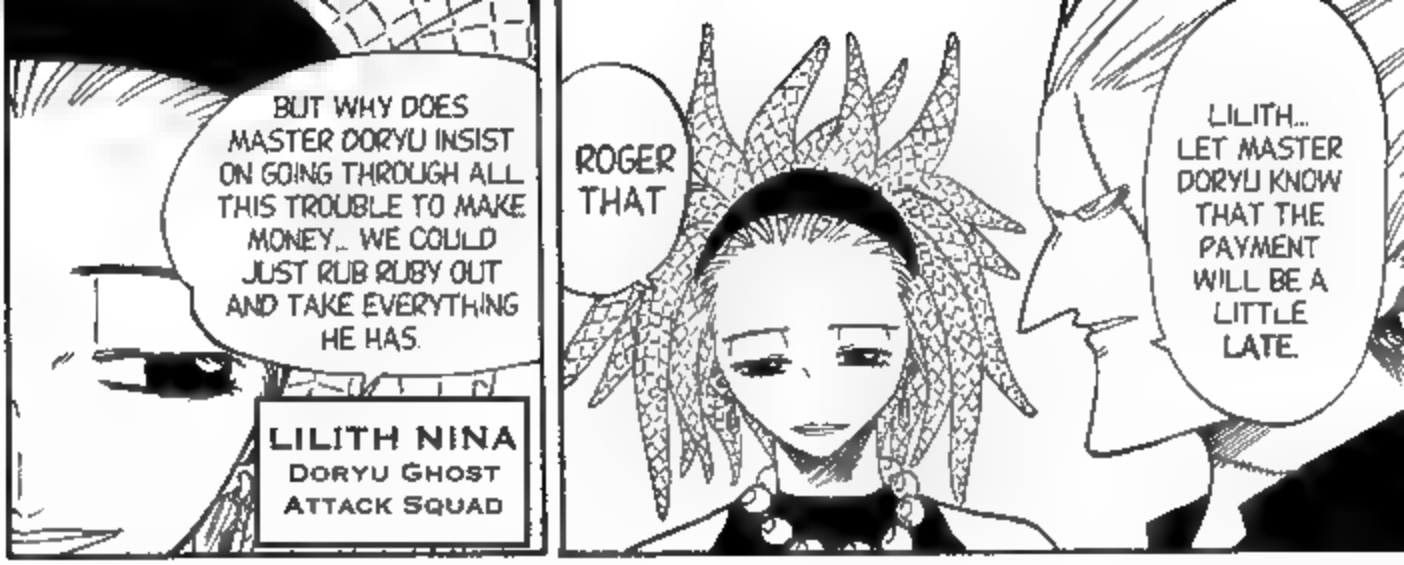
YES, YES, POYO. I'LL GIVE YOU LOTS OF MONEY, POYO!


BUT WHY DOES MASTER DORYU INSIST ON GOING THROUGH ALL THIS TROUBLE TO MAKE MONEY... WE COULD JUST RUB RUBY OUT AND TAKE EVERYTHING HE HAS.
LILITH NINA
DORYU GHOST ATTACK SQUAD
ROGER THAT
LILITH... LET MASTER DORYU KNOW THAT THE PAYMENT WILL BE A LITTLE LATE.

SQUAWK!
SQUAWK!
NOISY LITTLE BIRD.. YOU WANT OUTTA THERE? HUH?! DO YA?!
SQUAWK!
SQUAWK!
YOU'RE RIGHT AS ALWAYS..
IT'S NOT FOR US TO QUESTION MASTER DORYU. JUST GO

DIG IN, WOLF... I GOT SOME BUSINESS TO TAKE CARE OF.
GRRRRR...
SQUAS

RAVE:76 THE DARK'S OPPRESSIVE REGIME

Flying Casino
EDEL LAKE
BLACK-JACK !!
YIPPEE !!
C'MON, HARU! YOU GOTTA TRY THIS!
SHE MUST BE THE DAUGHTER OF SOME LOFTY STATES-MAN.
OR SOME FAMOUS F NANCIER.
SHE HASN'T LOST A SINGLE HAND YET!
WHOOA! THAT LITTLE LADY IS ON A ROLL!
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NO PROBLEM! I'LL SPLIT SOME OF MY WINNINGS WITH YOU.
Haru's all out of cash.
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WHO'S NEXT?!
GOTCHA.
FINE, TAKE THIS! I'M ON A ROLL RIGHT NOW! I'LL CATCH UP WITH YOU LATER.
PUUN
WHAT WE NEED TO BE DOING IS GETTING SOMETHING TO EAT .. LOOK AT PLUE, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD
I CANNOT RECALL... THAT INSIGNIA...A "D," INSIDE A SKULL. NO, NOT A SKULL .
PUMPKIN?!
A PUMP-KIN?
MORE LIKE A GHOST OR A JACK O' LANTERN.

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ALL RIGHT, LET YOU WERE RIGHT WE GIVE UP LOOKIN' FOR A SPONSOR. BUNCH OF TIGHTWADS...
IT IS NO USE
IT CAN'T BE..
BUT WHAT ARE THEY DOING HERE...?
WE MUST TALK.
HUH? WHAT'S UP?
THIS WAY.
?
A SPON-SOR.
I SEE...
RULER OF THE NIGHT?
UMPH. DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS, BUT I HEAR THAT THEY CALL H M THAT BECAUSE OF SOME KIND OF SPECIAL ABIL TY HE POSSESSES.
AN UNDERWORLD ORGANIZATION, LED BY PUMPKIN DORYU, RULER OF THE NIGHT
HIS AGENTS ARE CALLED THE DORYU GHOST ATTACK SQUAD.
"DORYU"? WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THE DORYU GHOST ATTACK SQUAD IS HERE, IN THIS PLEASURE PALACE.
THERE IS ONE L.TTLE THING I AM CONCERNED ABOUT

IT WAS A MIRACLE WROUGHT BY THOSE TWO ALONE. YOU WERE HARDLY INVOLVED
DON'T FLATTER YOURSELF. THE KEY TO YOUR VICTORY WAS HARU'S FATHER, GALE GLORY. AND THE SACRIFICE OF KING.
WE TOOK DOWN DC, REMEMBER?
SO, WHAT'S THAT HAVE TO DO WITH US? YOU'RE NOT EXPECTING US TO FIGHT 'EM, ARE YOU?
THE ABSENCE OF DEMON CARD HAS LEFT A VOID IN THE CRIMINAL WORLD, AND AS WE SPEAK THESE GROUPS ARE GROWING TO FILL IT...
LISTEN. HALF A YEAR HAS PASSED SINCE THE DEMISE OF DEMON CARD... THE UNDERWORLD THAT WAS ASLEEP ALL THIS TIME HAS FINALLY AWOKEN.
WH-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I THINK I WAS QUITE CLEAR.
DO YOU HAVE A POINT THERE, LIZARD LIPS?
HOWEVER, UNDER THE RADAR EXISTED A NUMBER OF SMALL UNDERWORLD ORGANIZATIONS THAT NEVER STOOD OUT
DEMON CARD
ULTIMATE UNDERWORLD POWER
SMALL INCONSEQUENTIAL ORGANIZATIONS
MIDSIZED DC AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS
YUP
DC SURE IS SCARY
FOR YEARS, DEMON CARD RULED AT THE TOP OF THE UNDERWORLD
LET ME MAKE THIS CLEARER...
NO WAY...
THOSE SMALL ORGANIZATIONS ARE STARTING TO GAIN POWER, BELIEVING THAT THIS IS THEIR CHANCE TO SEIZE THE POWER ONCE HELD BY DC.
THE UNDERWORLD'S TOP DOG
MOST MEDIUM-SIZED DC AFFILIATES WERE HAULED IN BY THE EMPIRE
WITH THE DESTRUCTION OF DC, THE UNDERWORLD LOST ITS TOP DOG...PRODUCING CHAOS IN THE WORKINGS OF THE UNDERWORLD

NOW, THIS IS NOTHING MORE THAN CONJECTURE, BUT I THOUGHT ABOUT WHY THE DORYU GHOST ATTACK SQUAD WOULD BE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS

WE CAN RULE OUT THEM BEING HERE FOR PLEASURE... I SPIED ON THEM A BIT, AND THEY DIDN'T SEEM TO BE LIVING IT UP

SO THAT LEADS ME TO BELIEVE THAT MAYBE, JUST LIKE US, THEY ARE HERE LOOKING FOR A SPONSOR... OR PERHAPS THEY ALREADY HAVE ONE AND CAME TO MEET WITH THAT PERSON

IT TAKES **MONEY** TO GROW AN ORGANIZATION

ALL TO GAIN THE TOP SEAT OF THE UNDERWORLD, HUH.

ALL TO GAIN MORE POWER

SO NOW THERE'S A POWER STRUGGLE GOING ON FOR THE TOP SEAT IN THE UNDERWORLD?

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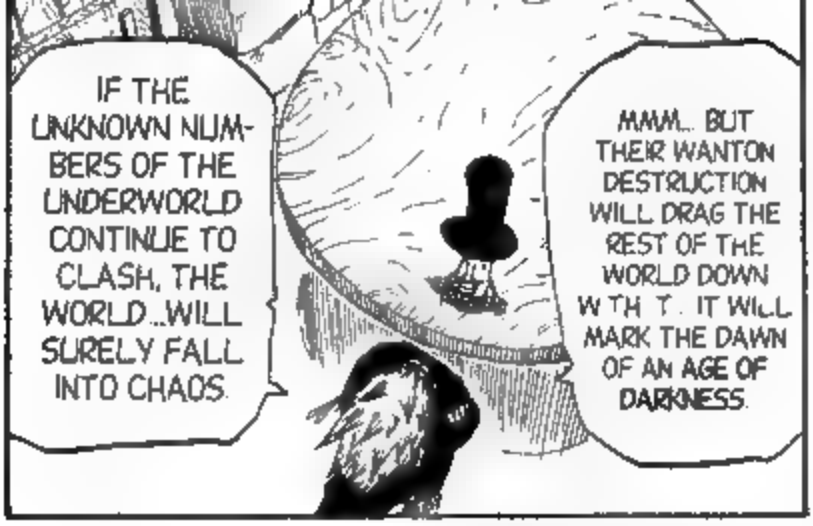
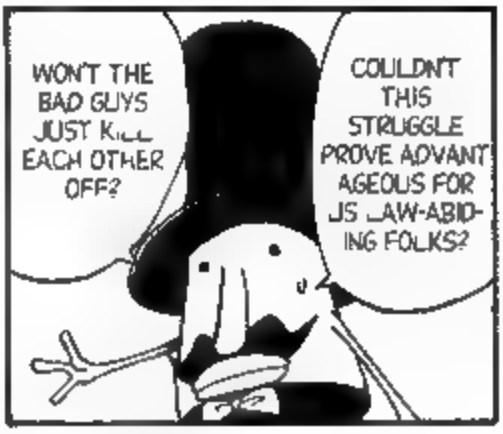
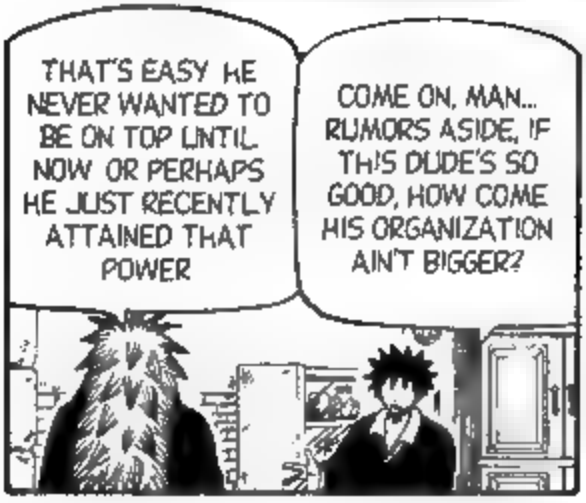
FIRE ALARM


IF THE UNKNOWN NUMBERS OF THE UNDERWORLD CONTINUE TO CLASH, THE WORLD...WILL SURELY FALL INTO CHAOS.
MMM... BUT THEIR WANTON DESTRUCTION WILL DRAG THE REST OF THE WORLD DOWN WITH IT. IT WILL MARK THE DAWN OF AN AGE OF DARKNESS.

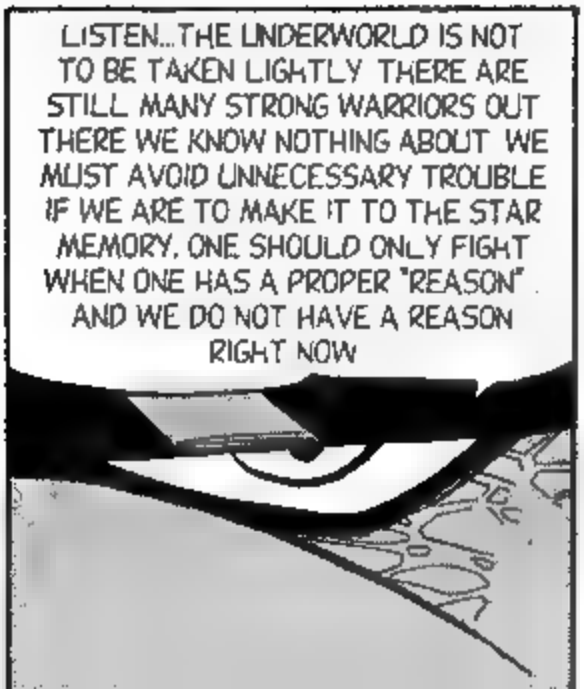

WON'T THE BAD GUYS JUST KILL EACH OTHER OFF?
COULDN'T THIS STRUGGLE PROVE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR US LAW-ABIDING FOLKS?

...WE MAY END UP WITH AN EVIL EMPIRE EVEN **BIGGER** AND **STRONGER** THAN DC EVER WAS.
AND IF ONE OF THESE POWERS SHOULD RISE TO THE TOP...


THAT'S EASY. HE NEVER WANTED TO BE ON TOP UNTIL NOW. OR PERHAPS HE JUST RECENTLY ATTAINED THAT POWER
COME ON, MAN... RUMORS ASIDE, IF THIS DUDE'S SO GOOD, HOW COME HIS ORGANIZATION AIN'T BIGGER?

I WOULD ADVISE AGAINST IT. WE DON'T KNOW HOW STRONG HIS ORGANIZATION IS, BUT I **DO** KNOW THAT DORYU IS **NOT** TO BE TAKEN LIGHTLY
RUMOR HAS IT HE'S AS STRONG AS KING AND GALE GLORY WERE. FRANKLY, I DON'T THINK WE STAND A CHANCE AGAINST HIM RIGHT NOW...

THEN WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO CRUSH THEM **NOW**, BEFORE THAT HAPPENS?
THESE DORYU GHOST ATTACK SQUAD PEOPLE, I MEAN...


LISTEN...THE UNDERWORLD IS NOT TO BE TAKEN LIGHTLY. THERE ARE STILL MANY STRONG WARRIORS OUT THERE WE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT. WE MUST AVOID UNNECESSARY TROUBLE IF WE ARE TO MAKE IT TO THE STAR MEMORY. ONE SHOULD ONLY FIGHT WHEN ONE HAS A PROPER "REASON". AND WE DO NOT HAVE A REASON RIGHT NOW.

THAT DAY SIX MONTHS AGO MARKED A TURNING POINT IN HISTORY.
BUT NOW THE WORLD WILL BE CAUGHT UP IN A BATTLE FOR UNDERWORLD SUPREMACY...
GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT. WHY DON'T WE BLOW THIS JOINT BEFORE WE RUN INTO TROUBLE.
MMM.
YES! GET ME OUT OF HERE!
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I'M STUFFED !!!
RESTAURANT SUTE
SMIRK
SURE, GO AHEAD. PLUE'S JUST ABOUT TO MOVE ON TO HIS SUCKER ANYWAY.
MIND IF I ORDER SOME THING? I'M STARVING.
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THERE YOU ARE, ELIE!
WHAAAT?! YOU'RE ALREADY FINISHED EATING?
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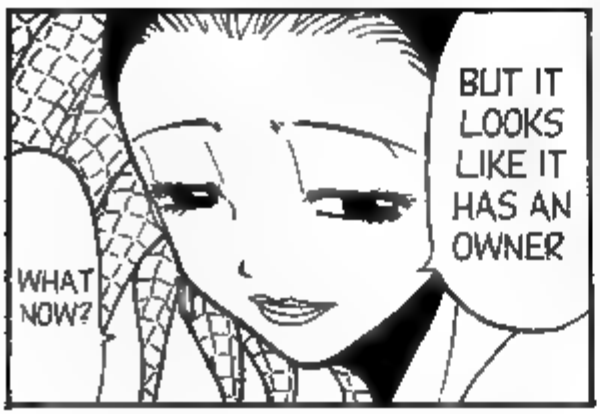
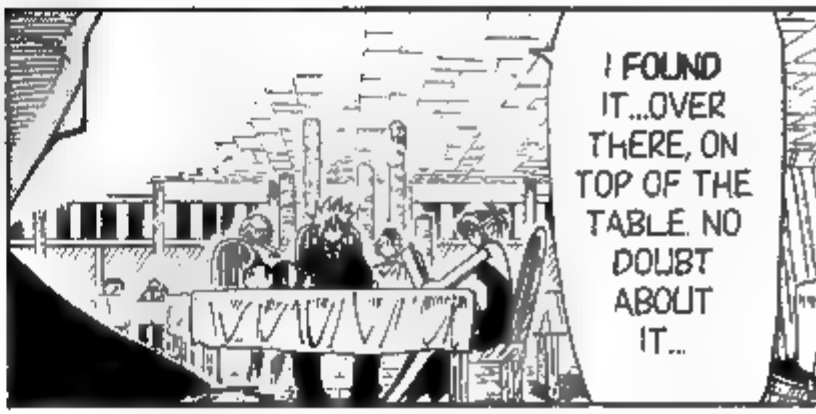
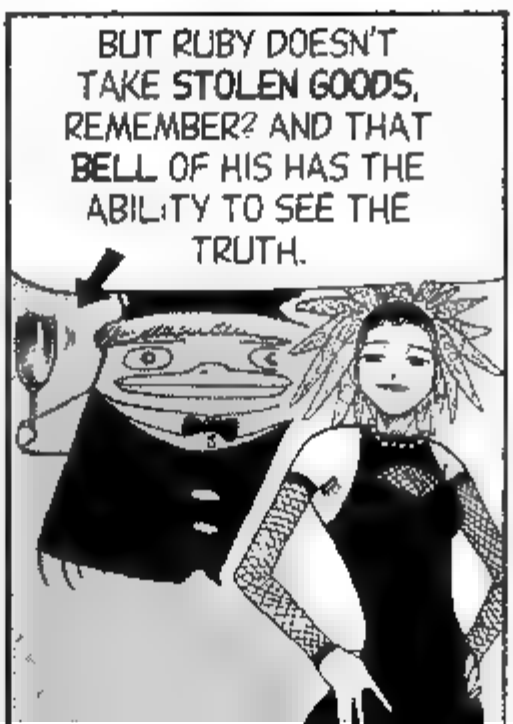
LILITH.
WHAT'S UP?


BUT IT LOOKS LIKE IT HAS AN OWNER
WHAT NOW?


I FOUND IT...OVER THERE, ON TOP OF THE TABLE. NO DOUBT ABOUT IT...

AMATEUR... THAT'S WHY WE GOTTA BE SURE NOT TO LEAVE ANY TRACKS

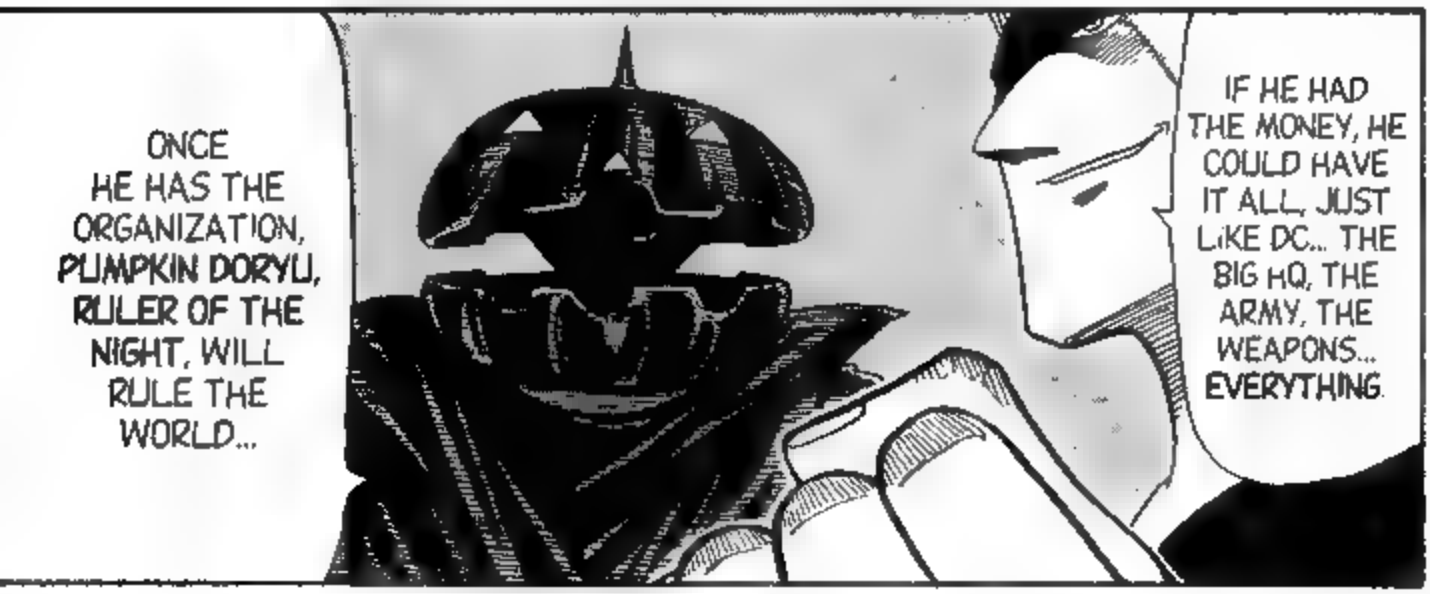

BUT RUBY DOESN'T TAKE STOLEN GOODS, REMEMBER? AND THAT BELL OF HIS HAS THE ABILITY TO SEE THE TRUTH.

JUST KILL 'EM... THIS'LL BE LIKE TAKING CANDY FROM A BABY
AND THAT CANDY 'S WORTH A WHOLE LOT OF MONEY

PUT THEM TO SLEEP? YOU CAN DO THAT?
TEE HEE!
I'LL JUST PUT EVERYONE TO SLEEP SO THERE WON'T BE ANY WITNESSES
FINE, THEN.
WIND RITUAL!!!

WHOA...SLEEP POLLEN, HUH...? WAY TO USE YOUR HEAD.
THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ROOMS IN THE HOTEL THAT NO ONE USES.
WE GOT THE GOODS. BUT WHERE DO WE DISPOSE OF THESE KIDS?
ALL RIGHT
NO WITNESSES NO PROOF. MASTER RUBY HAS NO CASE AGAINST US.

MASTER DORYL IS EXTRAORDINARILY STRONG, BUT THERE IS ONLY ONE REASON HE WASN'T ON TOP: HE DIDN'T HAVE A BIG ORGANIZATION BEHIND HIM.
CAN WE REALLY GET POWER JUST WITH MONEY?
ABSO-LUTE RULE OF THE UNDER-WORLD
ONCE WE COLLECT ON THIS GUY, WE'LL BE ONE STEP CLOSER TO OUR GOAL...


ONCE HE HAS THE ORGANIZATION, PUMPKIN DORYU, RULER OF THE NIGHT, WILL RULE THE WORLD...
IF HE HAD THE MONEY, HE COULD HAVE IT ALL, JUST LIKE DC... THE BIG HQ, THE ARMY, THE WEAPONS... EVERYTHING.

FIRE.
GRRRR...
YOU'RE RIGHT... WOLF, TAKE CARE OF 'EM.
THEN DON'T YOU THINK WE OUGHT TO HURRY UP?

WHATCHA UP TO, POYO?
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GRRR...
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WOLF!! HOLD THAT THOUGHT !!
R-RUBY, SIR. TO WHAT DO WE OWE THE PLEASURE?
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WELL, YOU KNOW.
AND WHAT'S MY FAVORITE GHOST ATTACK SQUAD DOING HERE, POYO?
WHY, YOU LITTLE...
I HAD SOME FREE TIME, SO I WAS JUST EXPLORING THE HOTEL, POYO
WE WERE JUST INSPECTING IT TO MAKE SURE IT WON'T HARM YOU IN ANY WAY, MASTER RUBY.
ACTUALLY, WE WERE ABLE TO GET OUR HANDS ON THE GOODS YOU REQUESTED...
THE LONGER I STARE, THE STRANGER IT LOOKS, POYO.
AAH, WHAT COULD IT BE, POYO? WHAT COULD IT BE?
HERE YOU GO.
LEMME SEE, LEMME SEE, POYO!
AAAAH! YOU FOUND IT, POYO?! WOOOOW! I KNEW YOU COULD DO IT, POYO!

JUST HOW MUCH MONEY DOES THIS DUDE HAVE..?
THIS CAN'T BE. HE'S PAYING TEN TIMES THE USUAL FEE FOR THIS WEIRD LITTLE CREATURE. 100 MILLION EDELS!
TEN TIMES ?!
THIS IS REALLY SOMETHING. SO I'LL GIVE YOU TEN TIMES THE USUAL AMOUNT POYO
THANK YOU, POYO.
GRRRR
DON'T WORRY, WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THEM.
WHAT DO WE DO WITH THESE TWERPS ?
I'LL PAY YOU IN CASH, AS ALWAYS, POYO. FOLLOW ME, POYO.
AWW... BUT I WANTED TO SHARE IT WITH EVERYONE, POYO...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, POYO?! I WANT YOU ALL TO COME WITH ME, POYO!! I HAVE SOME RARE CANDY, POYO! WE CAN ALL SHARE IT, POYO!!
B-BUT WOLF AND I HAVE OTHER BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO
YOU'RE RIGHT THE SLEEP POLLEN LASTS OVER A DAY, SO WE SHOULD BE OKAY
WHAT'S THE USE... LET'S JUST GET OUR MONEY WHILE HE'S STILL IN A GOOD MOOD AND GET ON OUTTA HERE.

CASINO HALL

WE'LL BE AT THE TOP OF THE UNDER-WORLD
100 MILLION, HUH... THIS IS PERFECT I CAN SEE IT NOW...

HMM. PERHAPS THEY'VE RETURNED TO THE SHIP
MASTER PLUE!! WHERE ARE YOU?
THAT'S WEIRD.. WE'VE LOOKED ALL OVER AND STILL NO SIGN OF 'EM.
!

MR. HARU!! MISS ELIE!!
MASTER PLUE

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GIMMEEEE!!
THERE'S ANOTHER WEIRD LITTLE CREATURE, POYO!!

"MASTER PLUE"? WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT, POYO?
WHY IS MASTER PLUE LOCKED INSIDE OF THAT CAGE?!
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MASTER PLUE!
WHAT'S WITH THESE GUYS?
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WHY ARE YOU ANGRY, POYO? I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, POYO.
JUST WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING ON DOING TO MASTER PLUE?!!
WE SHOULDA BEEN MORE CAREFUL LOOKS LIKE THOSE TWERPS HAD FRIENDS

THAT THEM?
UH-HUH... 'TIS THE DORYU GHOST ATTACK SQUAD.
HAVEN'T A CLUE WHAT YOU ARE REFERRING TO, POYO.
GIVE MASTER PLUE BACK THIS INSTANT!
WH-WHAT THE?! TALK ABOUT BAD TIMING...
WOLF!!
HAND OVER ALL YOUR VALUABLES, AND NOBODY GETS HURT
SOMEBODY, HELP!
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THE JIGGLE BUTT GANG IS HERE TO CLEAN HOUSE!!
BOSS, YOU'RE SO BAD
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ROBBERS!!

BEATS ME
ARE THEY ANOTHER UNDERWORLD ORGANIZATION?
But why do I have the feeling I've seen these guys before...?
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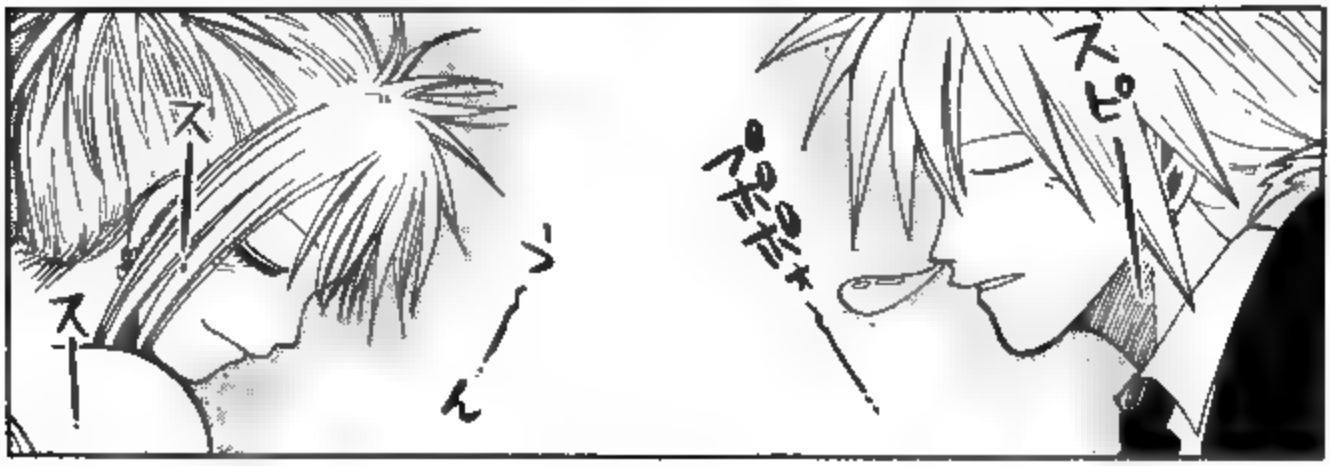
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NOW THOSE WERE SOME BAD EGGS.
DEMON CARD..
RIGHT ON! YOU'RE THE TOUGHEST!!
WELL...WE HAD A FAIR CHANCE AT WINNING... NO MATTER WHAT THE CASE. DC WAS BOUND TO COLLAPSE, I GUESS.
I'M HONORED TO BE YOUR LACKEY, SIR!!
HUH? YOU PLANNED ON GOING UP AGAINST THEM?
ALWAYS ASSUMED WE WOULD FIGHT THEM ONE DAY, BUT NOW THAT DAY WILL NEVER COME
I'M SO EXCITED!
LET'S DO THIS... WE ARE TRULY BAD, BAD MEN.
NOW IT IS TIME FOR US TO SHOW THE WORLD HOW EVIL WE CAN BE!
F RST, WE NEED TO GO COLLECT OUR MONEY!! ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS DOOR IS A BIG HERD OF RICH FOLKS!!
WE HAVE SOME BIG BAD SHOES TO FILL, MY LACKEYS.
WITH DC GONE. NOW WE ARE AT THE PINNACLE OF THE UNDER-WORLD

RAVE:77 ✠ BAD PEOPLE

HA HA HA HA HA!
HA HA HA HA HA!
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HUH?
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HUH?
HMPH... LOOKS LIKE SHE NEEDS TO BE TAUGHT A LESSON...
HEY, BOSS. I DON'T THINK THIS LADY IS SCARED OF US
WOULD YOU MIND DISAP PEARING ?
EXCUSE ME, BUT WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF SOMETHING HERE
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EEP!
SCOOT!
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NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME.

LEAVE NOW IF YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE DYIN'.

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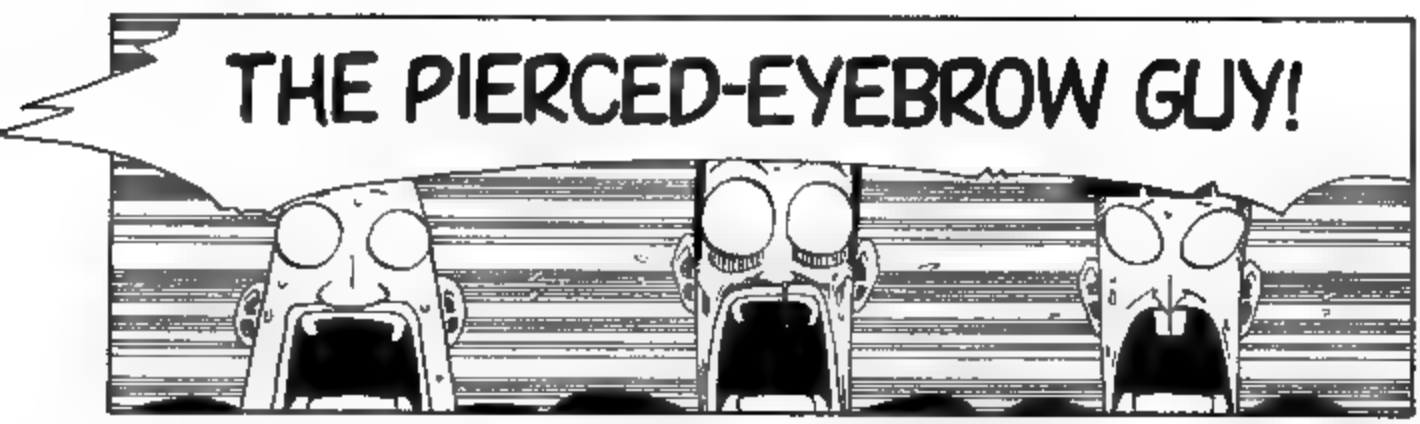
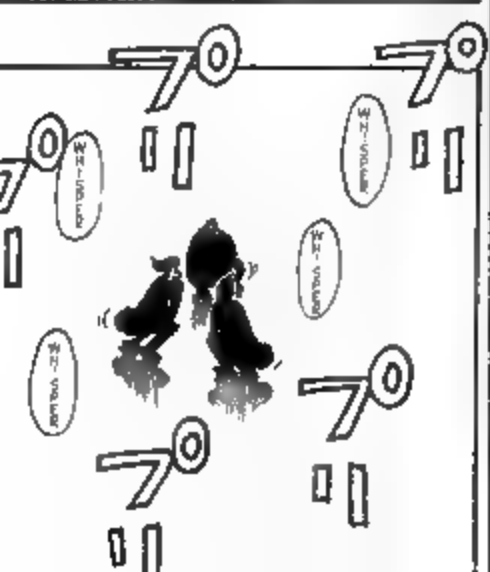
NO... I CAN'T PIN IT DOWN. I HAVE NEVER WITNESSED ANYTHING LIKE THAT BEFORE...
WHAT THE... WAS THAT... A DARK BRING ?


THE PIERCED-EYEBROW GUY!

COME. MY LACKEYS! GATHER ROUND! EMERGENCY STRATEGY SESSION!


WH-WHAT?
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I SAID "OUCH," AS IN, THAT HURT YOU JERKS.
AHEEE! HE'S HAVING AFTER SHOCK!
WE ARE TOTALLY MESSED, SIR!
WH-WHAT IS HE DOING HERE?

WHO WERE THOSE GUYS?
NO IDEA... ALTHOUGH, I DO FEEL LIKE I'VE SEEN 'EM SOMEWHERE BEFORE
Just can't remember where.
IT'S UNANI-MOUS! RE-TREAT !!
BOSS!! CALM DOWN, BOSS!!
I CAN'T TAKE IT! I CAN'T TAKE IT!
SHOULDN'T WE K... 'EM?
NAH THEY'RE JUST SMALL-TIME CROOKS NOT WORTH OUR TROUBLE.
EEEEEEK!!
NOOOOOOOO!!!

WHAT ?!
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HUH?
MAS TER RUBY!!
MASTER PLUE!!
AAAAAH !!!
THINK AGAIN.
RIGHT !!
NOW'S OUR CHANCE TO GET PLUE BACK

WH-WHAT IN THE-?
THAT HAND ...!
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EEEEEK!
PUUN
NOOOOO!!
TIME OUT! TIME OUT! SOMEBODY HELP ME!
EEP!
WELL, WELL
THIS OUGHTTA BE FUN.
EEEEK!

A MON-STER ?!!
I'VE BEEN ITCHING FOR A GOOD F GHT
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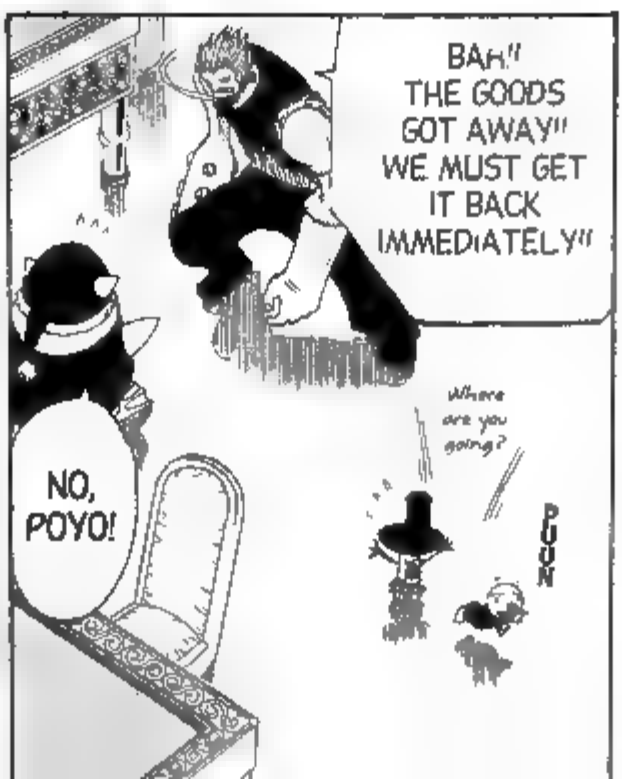
WE WILL RETURN PLUE TO ITS MASTER, POYO.
Although I really really want to keep it


BAH!! THE GOODS GOT AWAY!! WE MUST GET IT BACK IMMEDIATELY!!
NO, POYO!
Where are you going?
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MAS-TER PLUE "
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ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, MASTER RUBY?
YES, YES...IT HIT THE CAGE, SO I'M FINE, POYO

PLEASE, YOU HAVE TO DO SOMETHING
IF WE GO HOME EMPTY-HANDED, MASTER DORYU IS GONNA KILL US FOR SURE
I NEARLY CROSSED THAT LINE TODAY THAT WAS TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT POYO.
DON'T CARE HOW RARE IT IS, POYO, IT'S AGAINST THE RARE ITEM COLLECTORS' RULES TO STEAL FROM OTHERS, POYO.
SORRY, POYO. THE DEAL IS OFF, POYO
SO...SO WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR US? WH-WHAT ABOUT THE MONEY?
BE SILENT I'VE ALREADY GIVEN MY ANSWER, POYO!!
WE CAN STILL CATCH IT FOR YOU....
NO WAY, POYO.
MASTER RUBY, SIR, I'M BEGGING YOU--
DON'T BE SILLY! MR. DORYU WOULDN'T HARM A FLY, POYO!
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BILLY...YOU'RE FIRED, POYO.
YOU'VE BEEN BEATING UP THE POOR, INNOCENT OWNERS OF THAT THING, POYO! SUCH VIOLENCE GOES AGAINST EVERYTHING I STAND FOR, POYO!
WH-WHY... DO YOU HAVE... TO...BE LIKE... THAT
POP
SNAP

JUST GIVE ME THE MONEY.
ENOUGH WITH YOUR STUPID RULES.
?
!
SNAP
IF MASTER DORYU EVER FOUND OUT ABOUT THIS
THIS IS JUST GREAT.. EVERYTHING JUST WENT DOWN THE DRAIN.
RUBY DOES MIND, POYO! THIS AGGRESSION WILL NOT STAND, POYO!
COME ON. IF YOU DON'T MIND, I WANT MY MONEY
WHAT, POYO? I DON'T GET T, POYO!!
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GRRR...
OH MY.. STILL ALIVE, I SEE.
TEE HEE... YOU'RE HALF RIGHT
ONE QUESTION.. YOUR POWER.. IS FROM DARK BRING?
YOU'RE RIGHT JACKEYS. REVERSE DIRECTION.
KNOW WE'RE TRYING TO ESCAPE BUT WHY DO WE HAVE TO GO OUT THIS WAY SIR?
UH. BOSS? DON'T THINK I CAN FIT ANY FARTHER
THESE VENTILATION DUCTS ARE A LOT NARROWER THAN I IMAGINED
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WHAAAT?
NO! I'M CLAUSTRO-PHOBIC. GET ME OUT OF HERE!
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OH NOOOO!" MY BUTT IS STUCK!"
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SHAKE YER BUTT!
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AAAAAAH!!

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TAKE A LOOK AT THAT! THERE'S PEOPLE TIED UP!
WHERE ARE WE, BOSS?
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HARU!!
AND ISN'T THAT THE MACHINE-GUN CHICK?!
YOU'LL NEVER BELIEVE THIS, BOSS, BUT I THINK WE'VE MET THESE GUYS BEFORE!!
WHO CARES... WE HAVE TO HELP HARU. REAL BAD GUYS ALWAYS HELP A FRIEND IN NEED!!
YOU'RE SO BAD, BOSS! I'M IN AWE!
WHY ARE THESE TWO TOGETHER, I WONDER? MAYBE THE PIERCED-EYEBROW DUDE GOT TO 'EM.
JUST WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON HERE?! I'M AN EVIL MASTERMIND! I SHOULD KNOW EVERYTHING!
HA HA HA! HOW YOU LIKE DEM APPLES?!
MN...
~P-U
BUT I COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT THIS BROAD!! TAKE THIS!! HA HA!!

SORRY, SIR!! WE JUST GOT CAUGHT UP IN THE MOMENT!!
YOU IMBECILES! LEAVE HARU OUT OF THIS!!
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DOUBLE P-U~~~~

IT'S COMING FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WALL
BOSS! KEEP IT DOWN! I HEAR SOMETHING, SIR!
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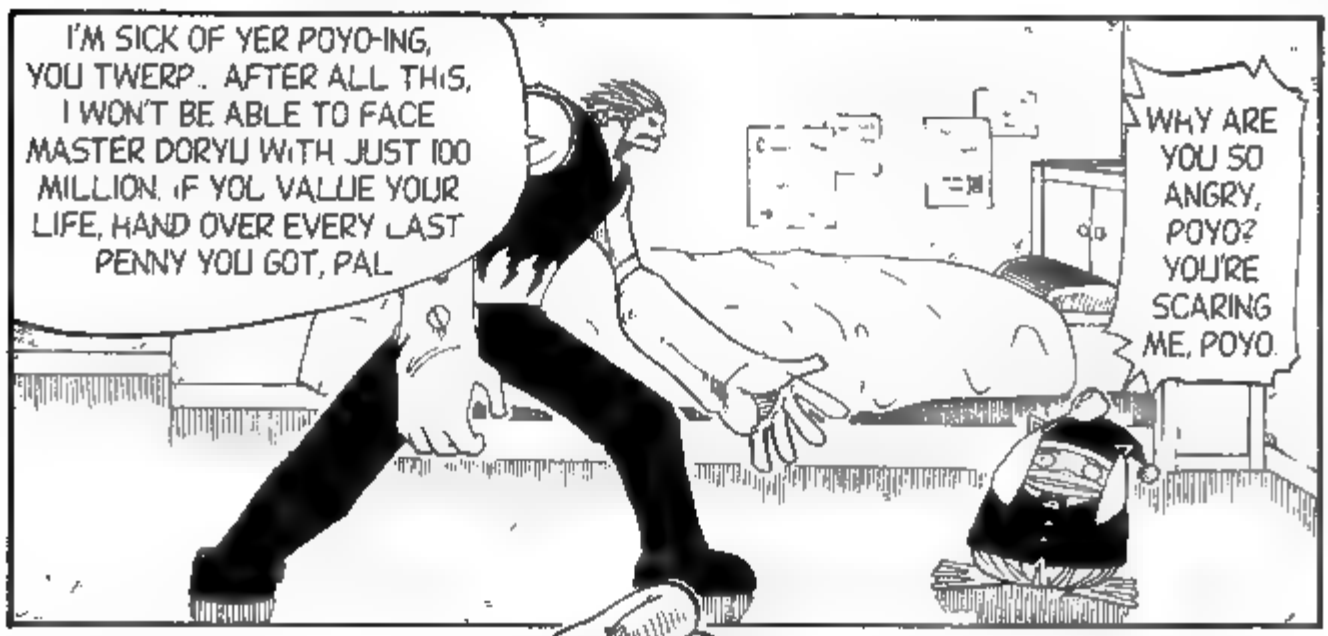
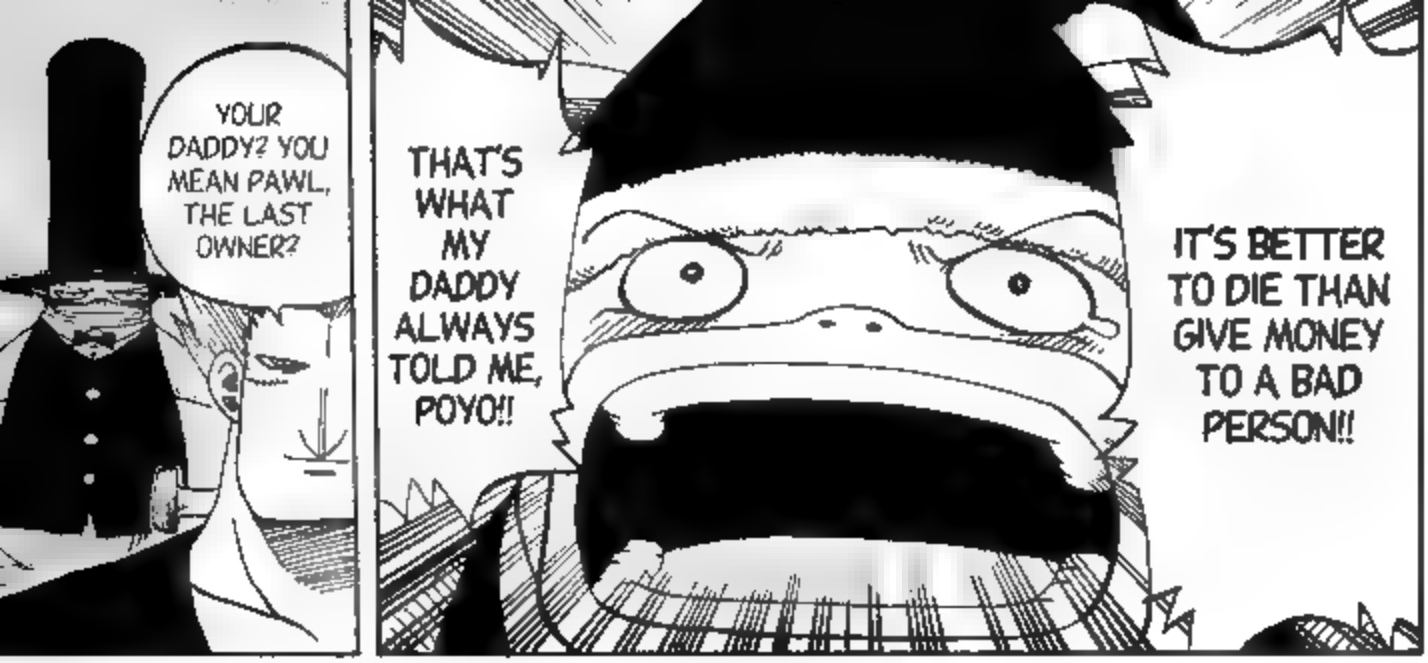

I'M SICK OF YER POYO-ING, YOU TWERP.. AFTER ALL THIS, I WON'T BE ABLE TO FACE MASTER DORYU WITH JUST 100 MILLION. IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIFE, HAND OVER EVERY LAST PENNY YOU GOT, PAL.
WHY ARE YOU SO ANGRY, POYO? YOU'RE SCARING ME, POYO.

BILLY.. YOU'RE A REALLY BAD MAN, POYO

I SAID, HAND OVER THE MONEY OR I'LL KILL YOU.
EEP!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, POYO? NO, POYO!! MY DADDY LEFT THIS MONEY TO ME, POYO.
HEY I GUESS YOU WEREN'T LISTENING, HUH.


YOUR DADDY? YOU MEAN PAWL, THE LAST OWNER?
THAT'S WHAT MY DADDY ALWAYS TOLD ME, POYO!!
IT'S BETTER TO DIE THAN GIVE MONEY TO A BAD PERSON!!

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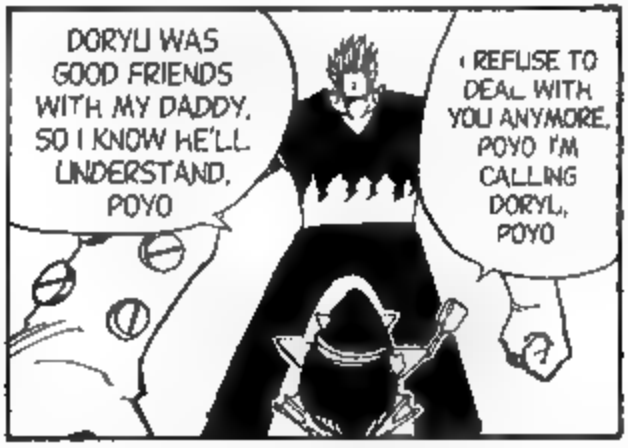
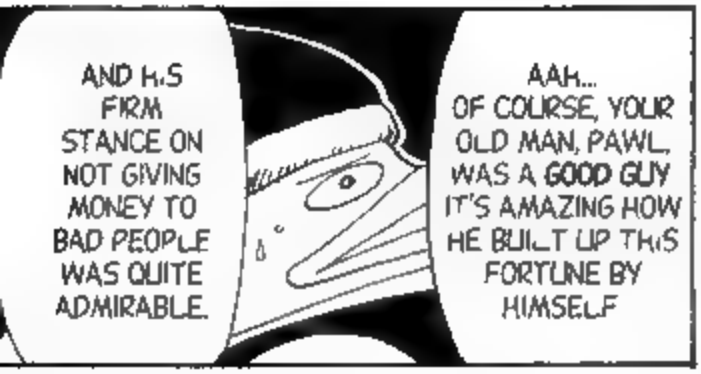
THEY WERE GOOD FRIENDS?!
HA HA HA HA HA!!


DORYU WAS GOOD FRIENDS WITH MY DADDY, SO I KNOW HE'LL UNDERSTAND, POYO
I REFUSE TO DEAL WITH YOU ANYMORE, POYO I'M CALLING DORYU, POYO

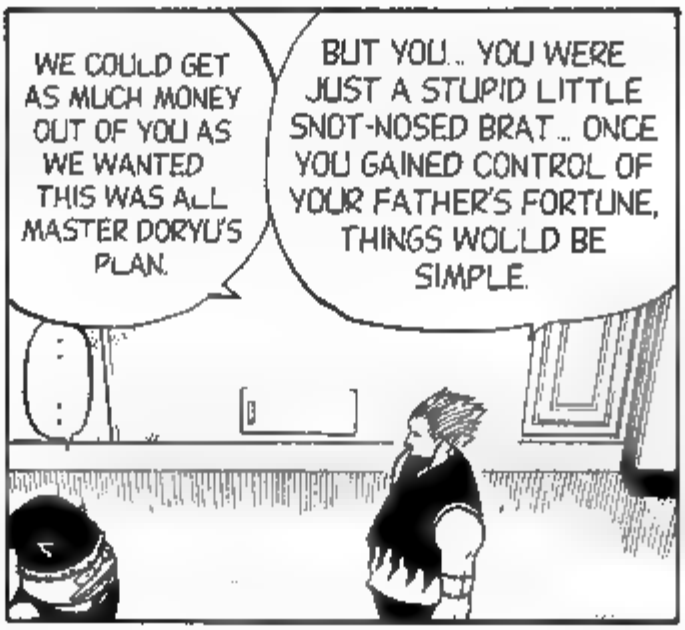

AND HIS FIRM STANCE ON NOT GIVING MONEY TO BAD PEOPLE WAS QUITE ADMIRABLE.
AAH... OF COURSE, YOUR OLD MAN, PAWL, WAS A GOOD GUY IT'S AMAZING HOW HE BUILT UP THIS FORTUNE BY HIMSELF

H-H-H HANG OUT? HE CAME FOR THE MONEY
IT WAS TO HANG OUT WITH MY DAD, POYO.
DON'T YOU KNOW WHY HE WAS ALWAYS COMING HERE?

NO MATTER HOW SWEET THE DEAL, NO MATTER HOW RARE AND VALUABLE THE ITEM WE TRIED TO TRADE.
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES WE CAME TO MAKE A DEAL WITH HIM, HE ALWAYS REFUSED TO SPONSOR US.

..KILLED YOUR FATHER.
THAT'S WHY MASTER DORYU..

YOU'RE LYING, POYO.


WE COULD GET AS MUCH MONEY OUT OF YOU AS WE WANTED THIS WAS ALL MASTER DORYU'S PLAN.
BUT YOU.. YOU WERE JUST A STUPID LITTLE SNOT-NOSED BRAT.. ONCE YOU GAINED CONTROL OF YOUR FATHER'S FORTUNE, THINGS WOULD BE SIMPLE.

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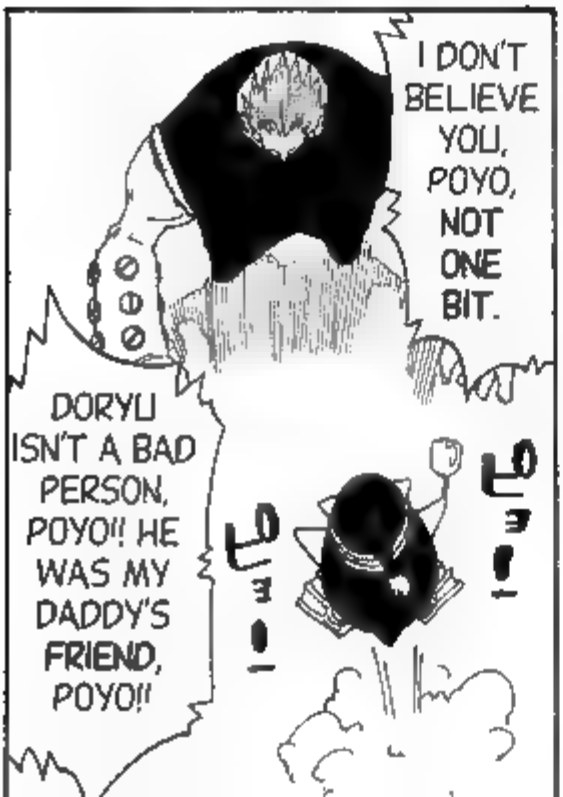
I DON'T BELIEVE YOU, POYO, NOT ONE BIT.
DORYU ISN'T A BAD PERSON, POYO!! HE WAS MY DADDY'S FRIEND, POYO!!
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..AND TO KILL PAWL.
IT WAS ALL PART OF HIS PLAN. TO WIN YOL OVER

DORYU ALWAYS BROUGHT ME SOMETHING RARE EVERY TIME HE'D COME HERE, POYO
HE WAS ALWAYS NICE TO ME. POYO

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ALL HE HAD TO DO WAS JUST DO WHAT MASTER DORYU ASKED, BUT HE JUST WOULDN'T L STEN TO REASON... AND HIS STUPIDITY COST HIM HIS LIFE.
AT LEAST PAWL WAS SMART ENOUGH TO REALIZE WELL...IT ENDED UP GETTING HIM KILLED!!
HA HA HA! PATHETIC!! YOU STILL DON'T GET IT, DO YOU? MASTER DORYU ISN'T WHAT YOU THINK HE IS.
HE WASN'T STUPID, POYO!!!
MY DADDY WASN'T STUPID!!
NO, HE WASN'T
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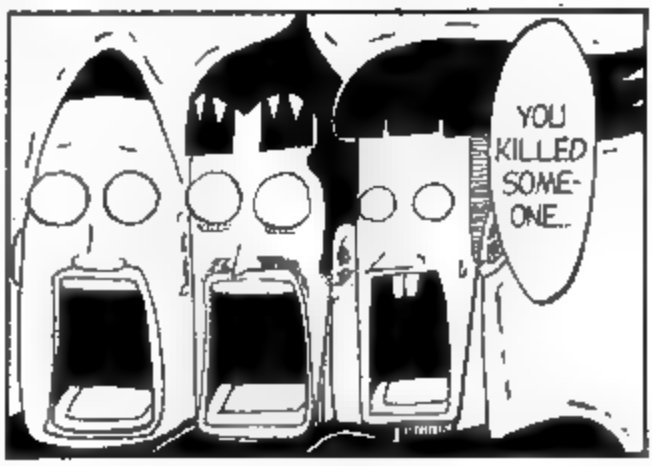
I THOUGHT YOU WERE OUT COLD...?
OH, IT'S THE OWNER ...
HE WASN'T STUPID AT ALL.
SHUT IT!!

RAVE:78 ✠ THE COMING OF THE "STORM"

..FOR MONEY ?


YOU KILLED SOME-ONE..

..FOR MONEY?

YOU TRICKED PEOPLE

I CAN'T STAND PEOPLE LIKE YOU...
YOU'RE SCUM.
WHO ARE YOU, POYO? WERE YOU LISTENING THE WHOLE TIME, POYO?
YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T STICK YOUR NOSE INTO OTHER PEOPLES' PROBLEMS. YOU COULD GET HURT-- BELIEVE ME, SHOULD KNOW!!
OKAY ?!
WAIT!! HARU!! I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL!! BUT LET'S BE SENSIBLE!
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HUH?
WHO ARE YOU, PEOPLE?
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EEP! IT'S A MON-STER!!
WH-WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THOSE HANDS?
WAH!
H.S LEGS TOO?!
THEY'RE HUGE!!

YOU'RE HALF RIGHT, THERE
PRETTY QUICK ON YOUR FEET, KID...
WHAT'S YOUR STORY? YOU USIN' DARK BRING OR WHAT?!
YOU TWO AREN'T REGULAR CUSTOMERS, I TAKE IT.
HOLD ON... MUSICA, I THINK WE SHOULD FIND OUT WHERE THEY ARE GETTING THIS POWER FROM.
HALF RIGHT? I'VE HAD JUST ABOUT ENOUGH OF YOUR GAMES...
THERE ARE STILL PLENTY OF DB LEFT IN THE WORLD.
..WITH MORE APPEARING EVERY DAY.
BUT JUST BECAUSE DC IS NO MORE, DOESN'T MEAN THE DB THEMSELVES HAVE LOST THEIR POTENCY
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OF COURSE, DC POSSESSED THE MAJORITY OF THE DB IN THE WORLD.
I THOUGHT THE DB WOULD HAVE LOST THEIR EFFICACY WITH THE DOWNFALL OF DEMON CARD..

THIS AIN'T NO JOKE, KID AND THEIR NUMBERS CONTINUE TO GROW.
YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?
I HAD HEARD IT WAS SOME SCRAWNY, BLOND KID
BUT I NEVER WOULDA GUESSED
THAT WAS YOU?
NO TOWER MEANS NO ENCLAIM, WHICH MEANS NO MORE DB!!
NO, IT CAN'T BE!! I DESTROYED DIN TOWER!!
GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT?!
THAT'S RIGHT! I'M THE NEW RAVE MASTER!!

LAY OFF WITH THE "KID" STUFF WILL YA?
WHOA.. OKAY NEVER WOULD HAVE FIGURED YOU'D BE SUCH A PUNY LITTLE KID, THOUGH
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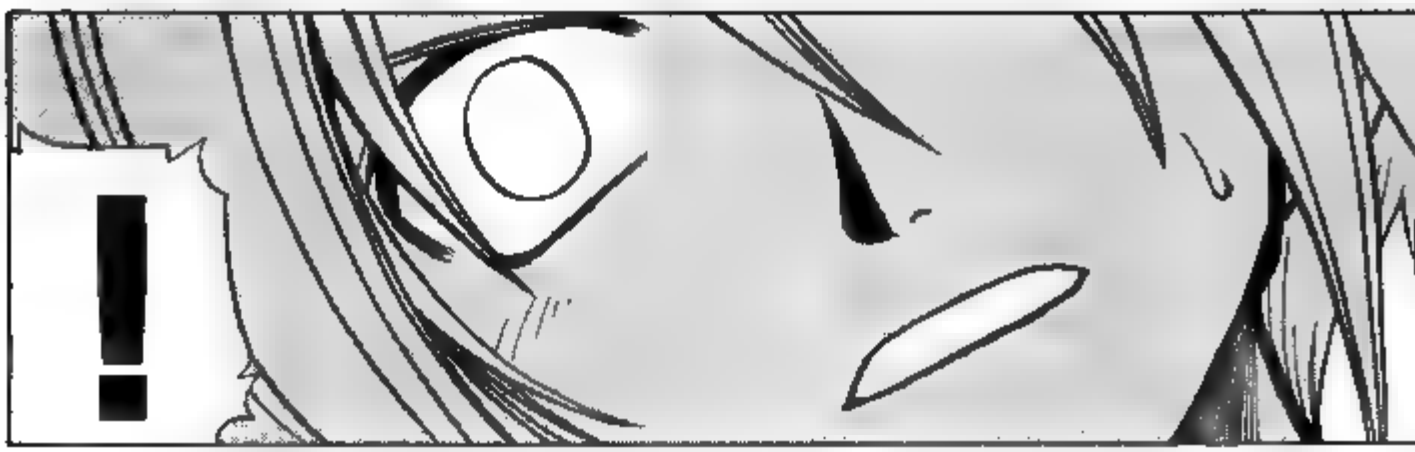
WHAT ?!
HMPH.
AWW, SNAP WHAT'S GOING ON? HOW CAN THERE BE MORE?
THE ENCLAIM S MERELY FOR WHEN YOU WANT TO MAKE A BUNCH OF DB AT ONCE. BUT IT AIN'T THAT HARD WHEN YOU JUST WANT TO MAKE A FEW
FOR BEING THE RAVE MASTER, YOU SURE DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT DB, DO YOU?
SO ARE YOU GUYS DOING THE SAME THING AS DC, USING DB TO COMMIT CRIMES?
AS LONG AS SINCLAIRE EXISTS IN THIS WORLD.. DB WILL CONTINUE TO MULTIPLY.
SINCLAIRE IS THE DARK BRING OF THE GODS, REPRESENTING DESTRUCTION AND DOWN-FALL.
..WAS THE MOTHER OF ALL DARK BRING, SINCLAIRE.
THE LAST DB THAT SHIBA WAS UNABLE TO BRING DOWN IN THE WAR 50 YEARS AGO..
DON'T EVEN TRY TO COMPARE US TO THEM.

THEY COULDN'T EVEN HARNESS HALF THE POWER THE DB ARE CAPABLE OF.
THOSE FOOLS KNEW NEXT TO NOTHING ABOUT DB.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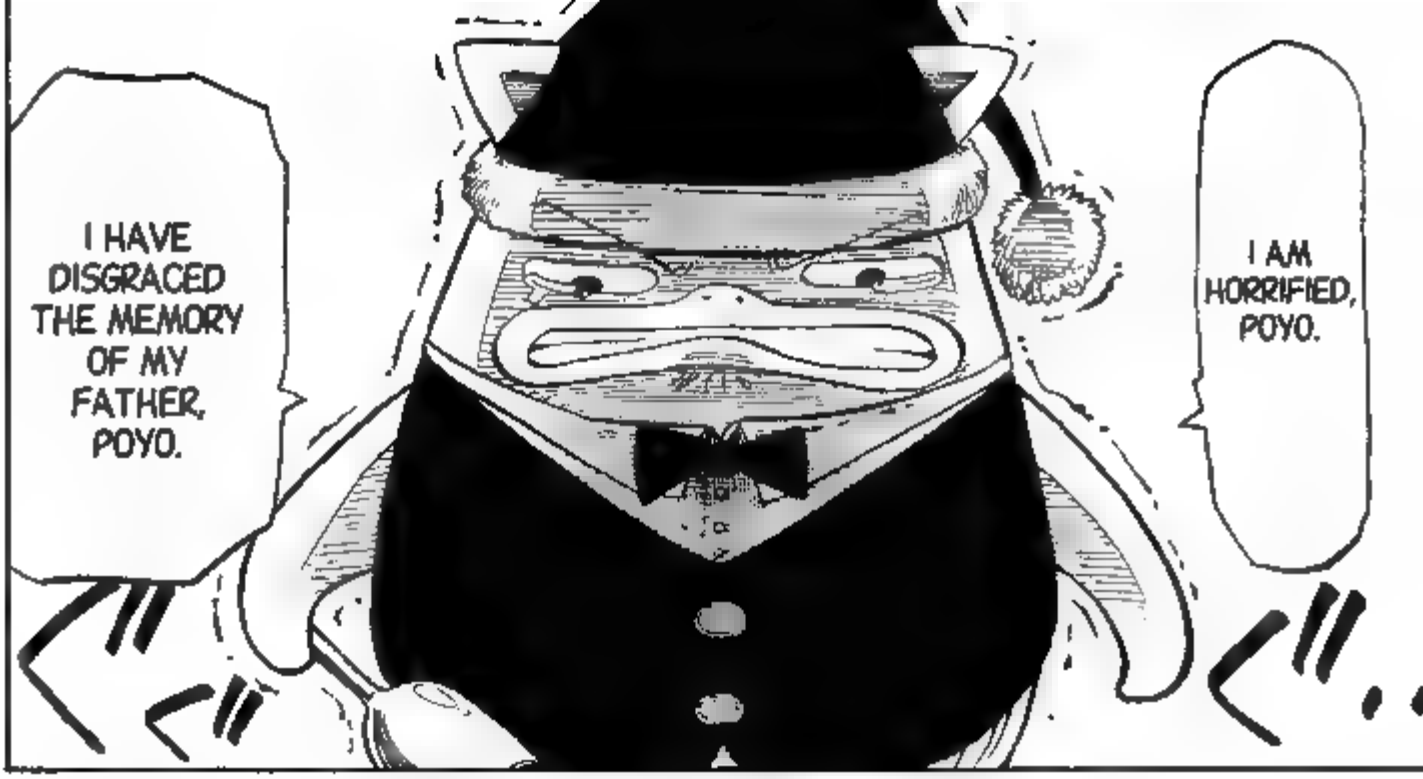
I CAN'T MOVE!! MY KNEES ARE TREMBLING SO BAD I CAN'T MOVE!!
BOSS!!
I KNOW, BUT
SH-SHOULDN'T WE BE RUNNING AWAY RIGHT ABOUT NOW ?
THIS DOESN'T SOUND GOOD, BOSS THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT DB AND STUFF...
I KNOW

SO I-I'VE BEEN GIVING MONEY TO BAD PEOPLE THIS WHOLE TIME, POYO..
OF COURSE HE DOES. TALK ABOUT A STUPID QUESTION
DB ARE STONES THAT BAD PEOPLE HAVE, POYO. DORYL DOESN'T HAVE DB TOO, DOES HE?
SO WE CAN STAND AT THE TOP OF THE UNDER-WORLD!
WE USED EVERY LAST CENT TO MAKE THE DORYU GHOST ATTACK SQUAD BIGGER AND STRONGER...
YOU WANNA KNOW WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING WITH THE MONEY WE GOT FROM YOU?
NO! I DON'T WANT TO KNOW, POYO!!
YUP.. CRY AND MOAN ALL YOU WANT, RUBY BUT IT WON'T CHANGE A THING.
BUT DON'T YOU WORRY WE PUT YOUR MONEY TO GOOD USE
"THEY WILL JUST TAKE THE MONEY AND DO MORE BAD THINGS"
"RUBY, MY SON. YOU MUST NEVER GIVE MONEY TO PEOPLE WHO ARE BAD."
COME ON, YOU CAN'T BE THAT THICK-SKULLED NOBODY NEEDS THAT MUCH MONEY JUST TO TRAVEL, MAN.
SO YOU WEREN'T USING THE MONEY TO SEARCH FOR MORE RARITIES, POYO?


I HAVE DISGRACED THE MEMORY OF MY FATHER, POYO.
I AM HORRIFIED, POYO.

YOU SHOULD FEEL HORRIFIED THEY'VE BEEN DECEIVING YOU THIS WHOLE TIME

!
YOUR NAME'S RUBY, RIGHT?

P-POOR... POOR LITTLE PENGUIN ...

YOU...

HE WOULD HAVE FELT THE SAME WAY.
I'M SURE YOUR FATHER WOULD UNDER-STAND.

BUT I'M SURE YOUR FATHER WOULDN'T BE MAD AT YOU.
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT YOU HAD NO IDEA WHAT THEY WERE USING THE MONEY FOR RIGHT?
HUH?

I CAN'T FORGIVE YOU FOR THAT.
TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THIS GOOD-HEARTED GUY..
THAT'S PRETTY DIRTY, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?
WE'RE REA...Y GONNA BE IN A HEAP OF TROUBLE, SIR
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HOW LONG YOU PLAN ON STANDING THERE SHAKING, BOSS?
BRINGING DOWN THE GUYS WHO BROUGHT DC DOWN WILL DO WONDERS FOR OUR REPUTATION.
YOU WANT TO FIGHT, KID? SOUNDS GOOD TO ME.
WHAT A FINE YOUNG GENTLE-MAN HE IS..
BUT HE'S JUST TOO KIND, THAT HARU KID...
UH-UGH.. I KNOW I SHOULDN'T CRY.. WE'RE BAD GUYS AND ALL..
WHY YOU CRYING, BOSS?!
WAAAAAH!

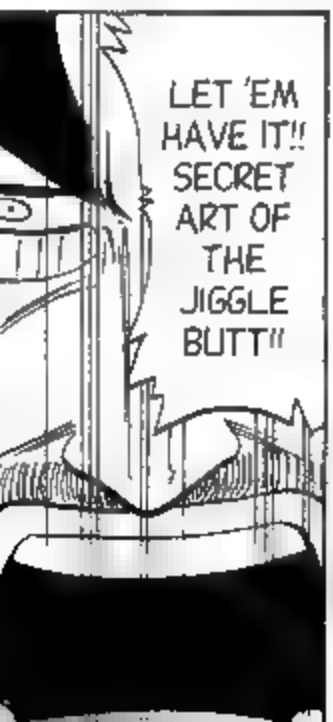
AS A TRUE BAD MAN, I VOW TO HELP HARU AND THE PENGUIN GET OUT OF HERE ALIVE
IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING, THAT BIG MONSTER IS GONNA KILL HARU.
I SAY NAY !!!
ARE WE JUST GOING TO TURN OUR BACKS ON SUCH A FINE YOUNG MAN LIKE THIS?!
WHOOOAH! RIGHT ON!!
THIS IS SO TOUCHING !!
TRUE BAD GUYS NEVER FORSAKE THEIR FRIENDS!!
HUUUUH?! SURELY YOU DON'T MEAN--?
WE SHALL BREAK THE RULES AND USE THE SPECIAL TECHNIQUE.
HMM.
BUT HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO RESCUE THEM, SIR?
ROGER!
HERE'S THE PLAN! FIRST WE CHARGE UP OUR KI
BASICALLY YOUR HANDS AND FEET GET HUGE, RIGHT?
WITNESS THE POWER OF MY DB, GIANT!!

HI-YA!

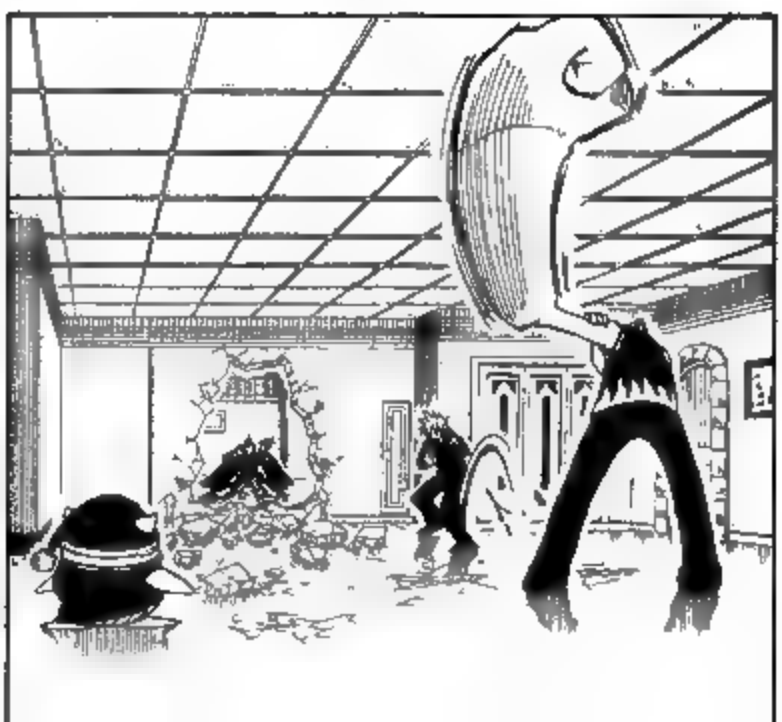
I WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY
SHOW ME WHAT YOU'RE MADE OF

FINE. NO MORE HOLDING BACK
HEH... YOU AIN'T DOIN' TOO SHABBY CONSIDERING YOU DON'T HAVE YOUR SWORD

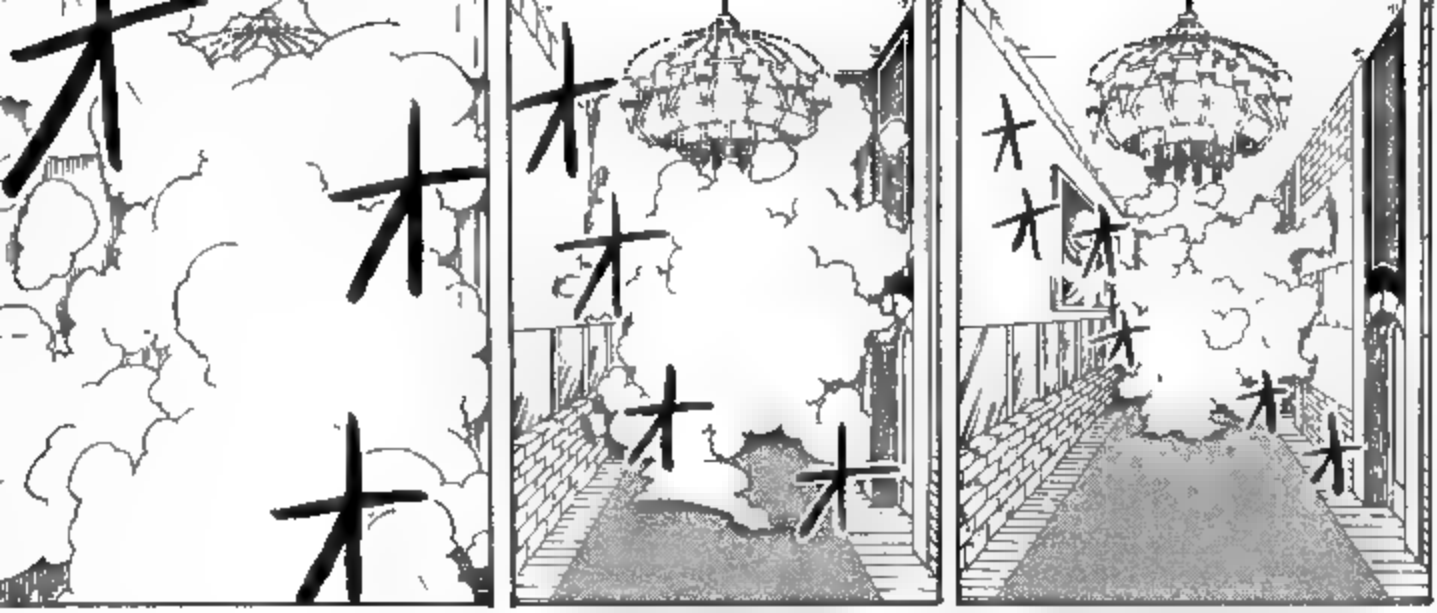
THIS GUY'S AMAZING, POYO!!
HE'S REALLY TAKING ON THAT BULLY BILLY POYO!!

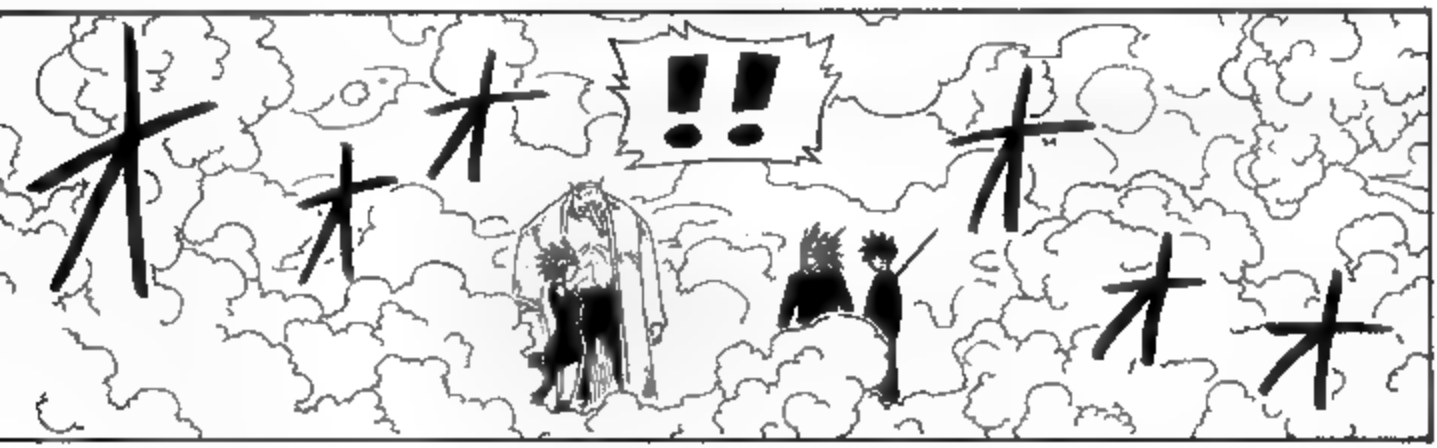

LET 'EM HAVE IT!! SECRET ART OF THE JIGGLE BUTT!!

ALL RIGHT! CHARGING COMPLETE!



GAS BUTT TRIPLE ECSTASY!!
AW, GROSS!!
UH
UGH
GASP!
OH, GOD, POYO! WHAT'S THIS SMELL, POYO?!

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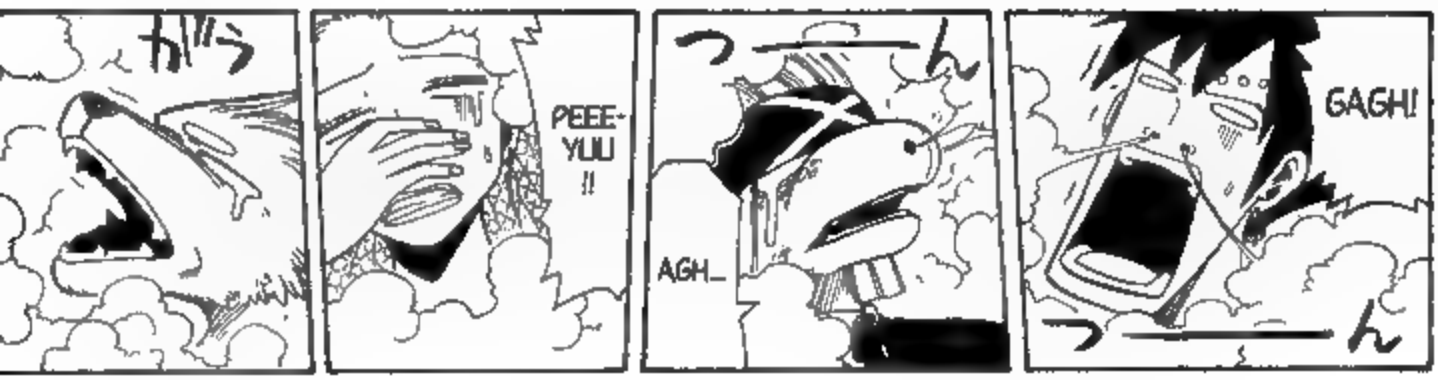
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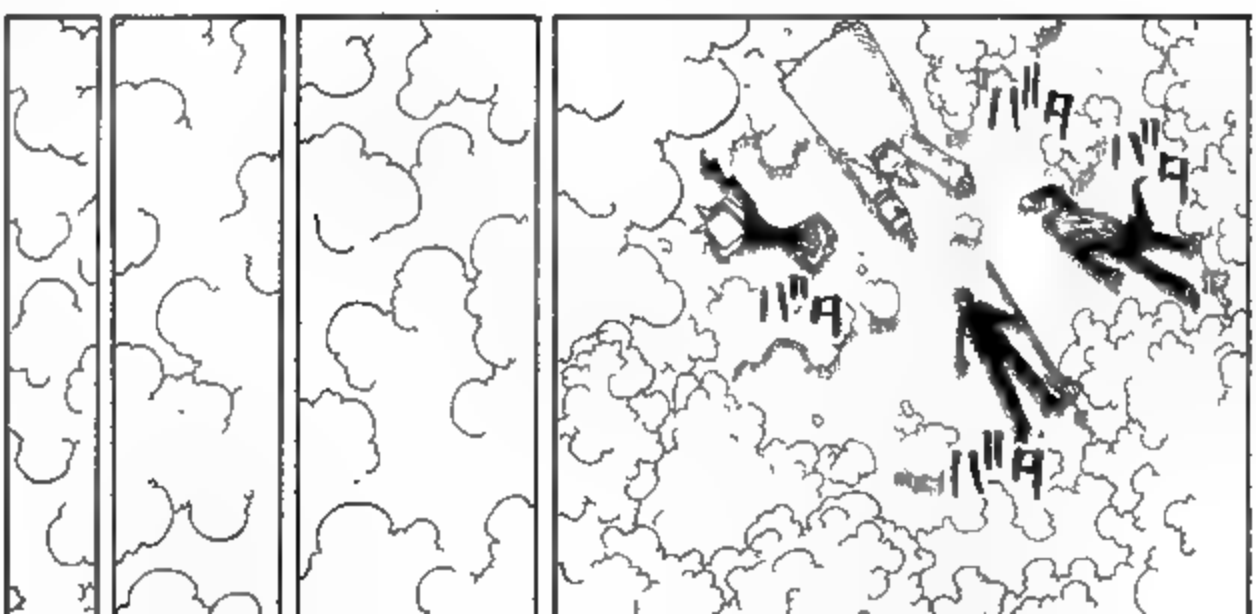
AGH_
GAGH!



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Knocked themselves out, too
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THEN I FOUND THIS WHOLE PLACE FILLED WITH GAS... I FOUND MUSICA AND LET KNOCKED OUT IN THE BIG HALL, TOO
IT'S ME!! HEBI!! I CAME TO CHECK THINGS OUT AFTER ALL THE PASSENGERS RAN OUTSIDE!
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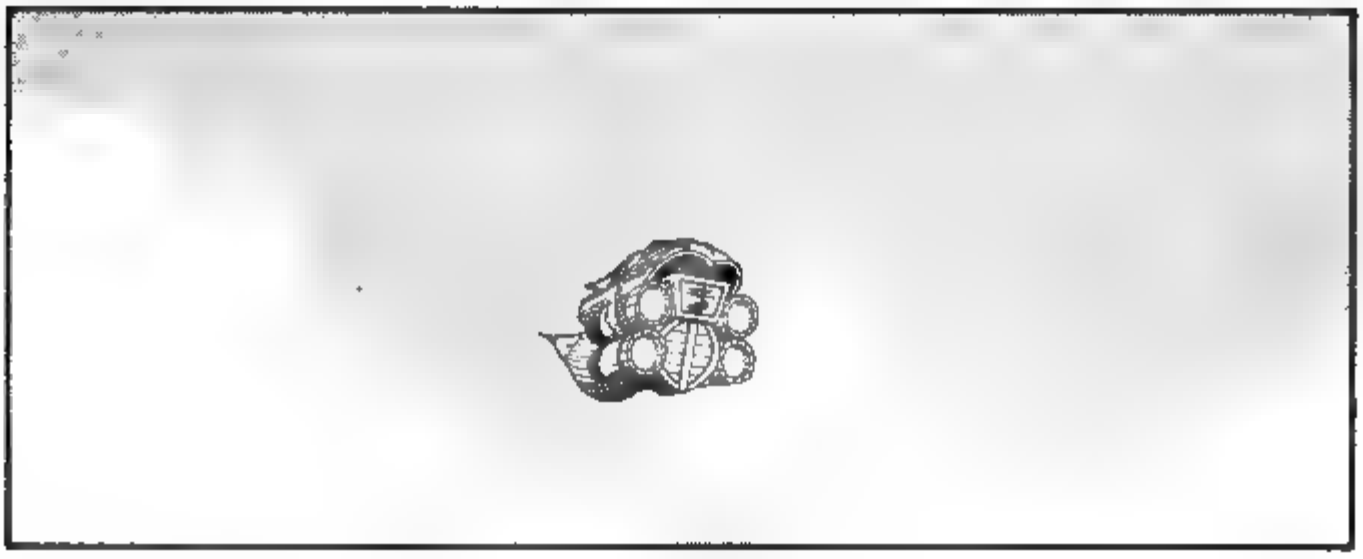
HARU, SIR!!
PLEASE WAKE UP!! WHAT HAPPENED IN HERE?!

PUUN
AND ELIE, TOO.
AH, WHO CARES I'LL JUST CARRY YOU TO THE SHIP...
.....
WHAT'S THAT, BOY? YOU TRYING TO TELL ME TO TAKE THIS PENGUIN-THING, TOO?
PUUN
PUUN
?
PUUN
PUUPUUN
PLUE!! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?!
PUUN
NUTS TO THAT!
WHAT? THESE THREE TOO?
PUUPUUN
GOTCHA.
WAIT, PLUE!! WHERE YOU GOING?!
PUUN
PUUN!
I THINK THESE ARE THE CULPRITS THAT SPREAD THE POISON GAS IN THE FIRST PLACE
WHY AREN'T YOU AFFECTED BY THE GAS?



HEY... WHAT'S THE SEA LION-LOOKING THING OVER THERE?
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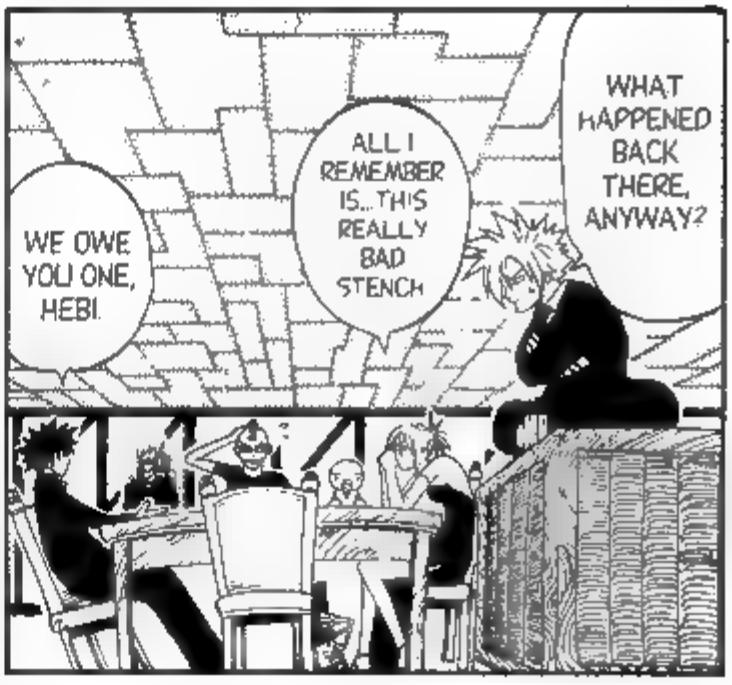
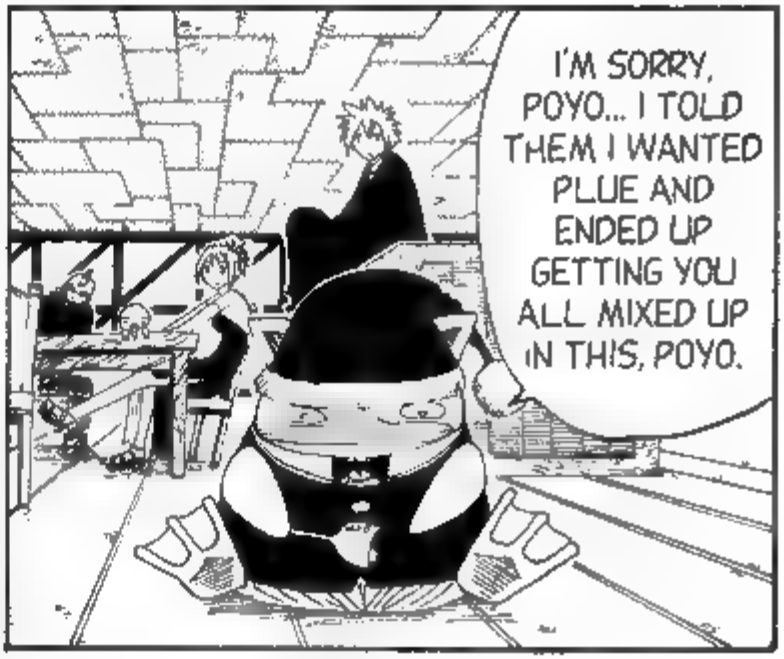
THE DORYU GHOST ATTACK SQUAD- REMEMBER THEIR FACES. WE'LL RUN INTO THEM AGAIN, AND IT WON'T BE PRETTY


WE OWE YOU ONE, HEBI.
ALL I REMEMBER IS... THIS REALLY BAD STENCH
WHAT HAPPENED BACK THERE, ANYWAY?

BESIDES, IF THOSE GUYS COME A-KNOCKIN' AGAIN, WE'LL PROTECT YOU.
IT'S OKAY, DUDE. AT LEAST NOBODY GOT HURT
PUUN


I'M SORRY, POYO... I TOLD THEM I WANTED PLUE AND ENDED UP GETTING YOU ALL MIXED UP IN THIS, POYO.

EVERYONE HERE IN THIS ROOM, WE'LL NEVER TRICK OR DECEIVE YOU.
YOU HAVE MY WORD.
THANKS... YOU'RE ALL SUCH GOOD PEOPLE, POYO...
COME ON, YOU GUYS!! SINCE WHEN HAVE YOU BEEN SO COLDHEARTED ?!
YEAH!! I THINK IT'S CUTE HOW HE SAYS "POYO" ALL THE TIME!!
WELL, I PROMISE NOT TO LIE. NOW I CAN HONESTLY SAY I WANT THAT TWERP OFF MY SHIP NOW
MM-HMM.
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WHAT?
WHAT? DID I HEAR YOU SAY YOU NEED MONEY, POYO?
WE CAN'T AFFORD TO GIVE ANY-ONE ELSE A FREE RIDE.
LET ME SPELL IT OUT FOR YOU ANOTHER WAY- WE ARE SERIOUSLY LOW ON FUNDS RIGHT NOW
YEAH? WELL, DO YOU THINK IT'S CUTE THE WAY HE TRIED TO KIDNAP PLUE?
COME ON

I CAN'T BELIEVE THOSE PUNKS GOT OUTTA HERE WITH RUBY...
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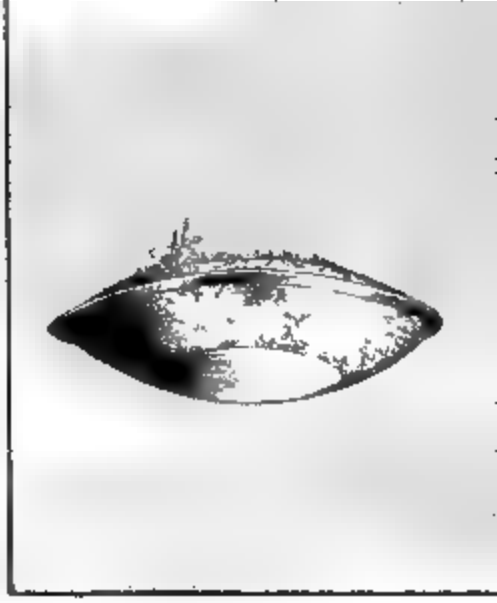
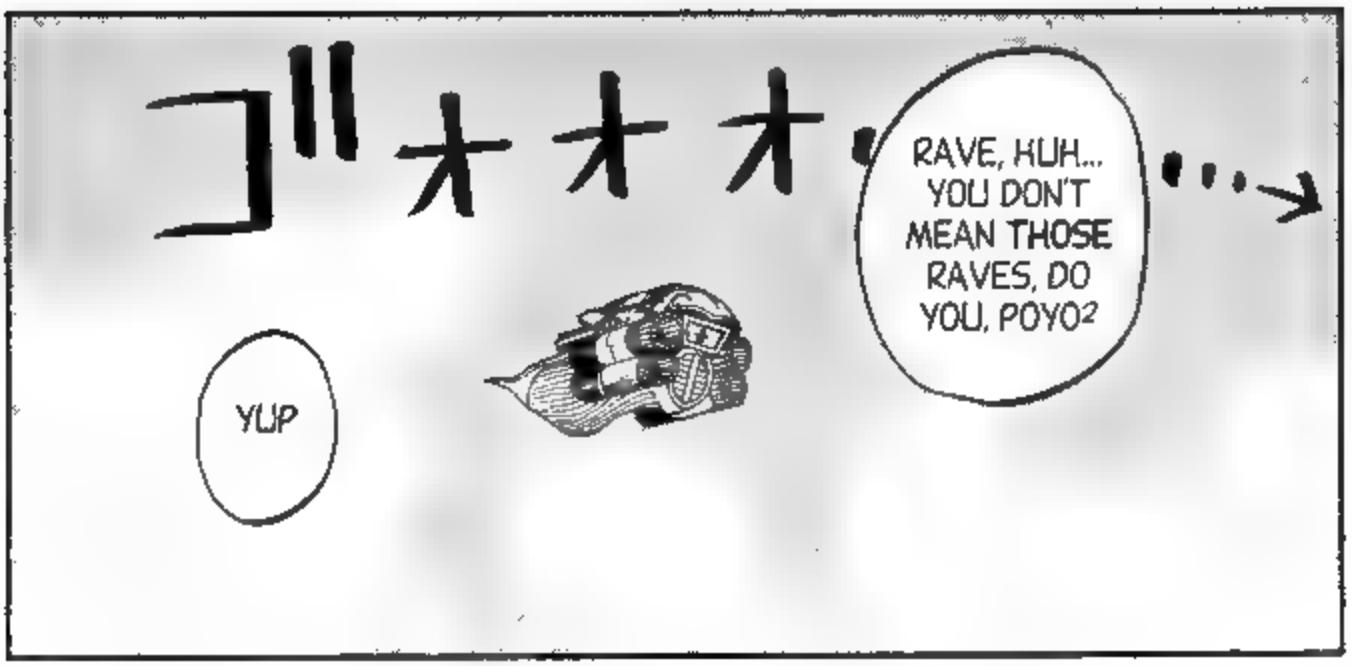


SEND WORD BACK TO MASTER DORYU.
WE'RE GOING AFTER THE RAVE MASTER.

RAVE:79 ✠ BUSTING THROUGH!!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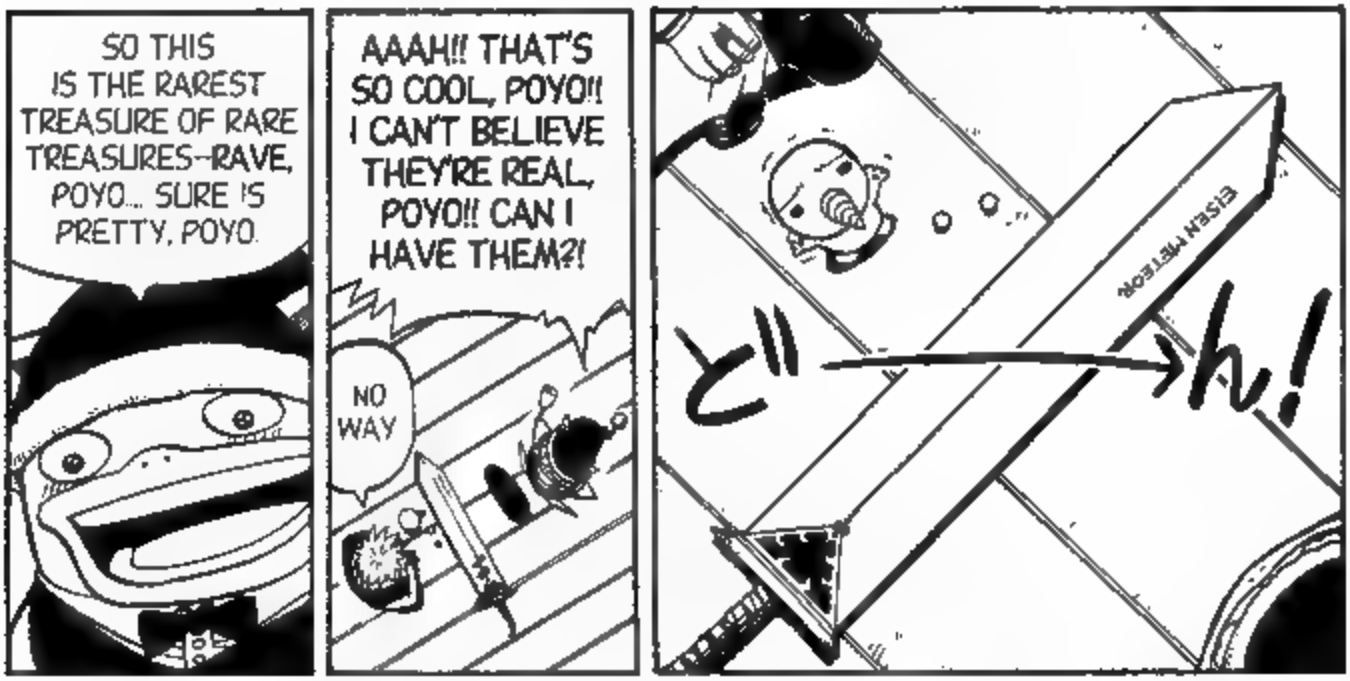
RAVE, HUH... YOU DON'T MEAN THOSE RAVES, DO YOU, POYO?
YUP


SO THIS IS THE RAREST TREASURE OF RARE TREASURES—RAVE, POYO... SURE IS PRETTY, POYO.
AAAH!! THAT'S SO COOL, POYO!! I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY'RE REAL, POYO!! CAN I HAVE THEM?!
NO WAY
EISEN METEOR
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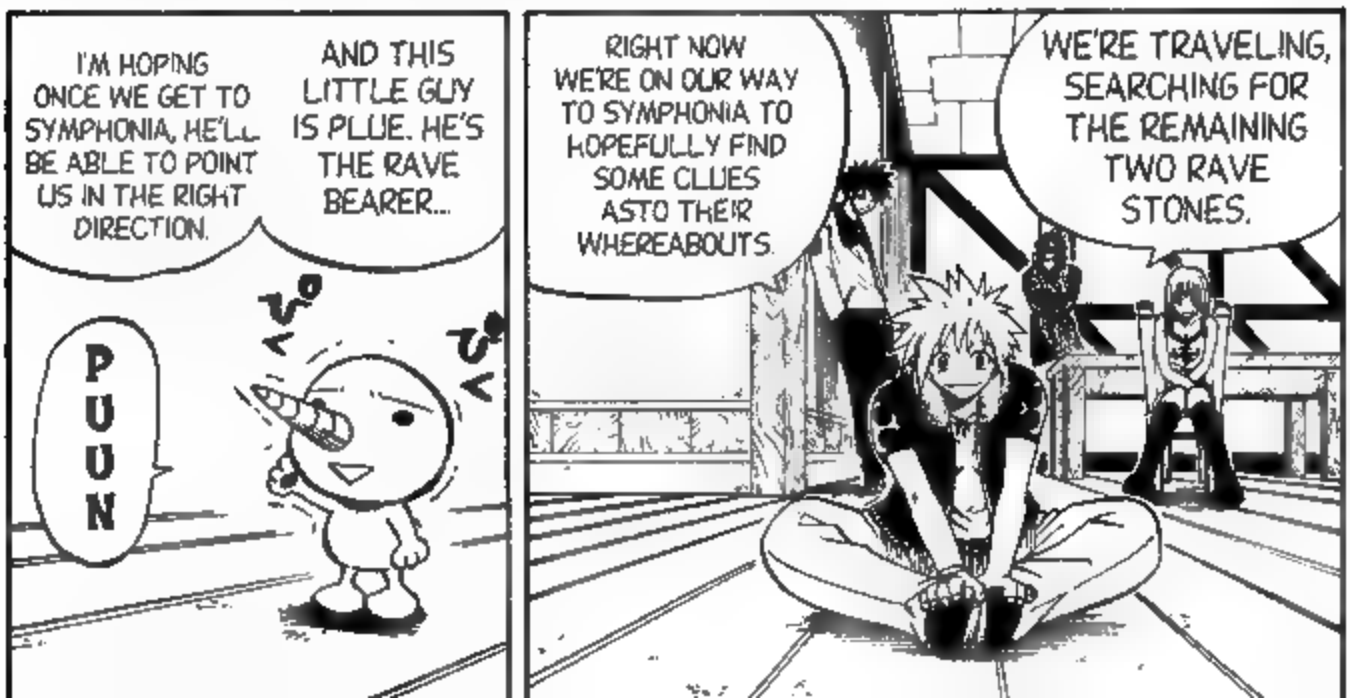
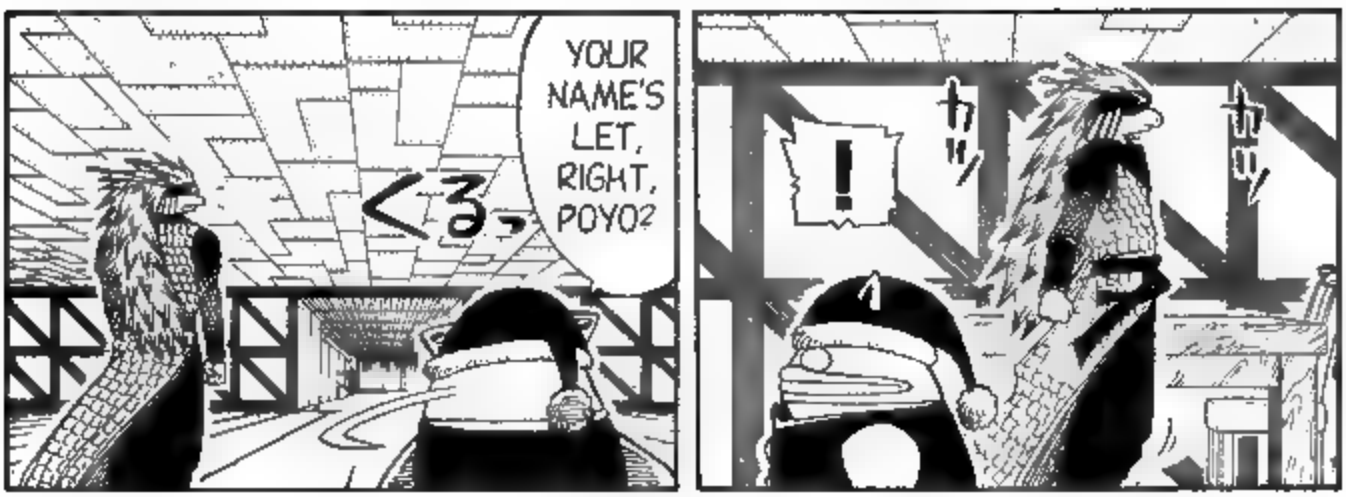

I'M HOPING ONCE WE GET TO SYMPHONIA, HE'LL BE ABLE TO POINT US IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.
AND THIS LITTLE GUY IS PLUE. HE'S THE RAVE BEARER...
PUUN
POYO
POYO
RIGHT NOW WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO SYMPHONIA TO HOPEFULLY FIND SOME CLUES AS TO THEIR WHEREABOUTS.
WE'RE TRAVELING, SEARCHING FOR THE REMAINING TWO RAVE STONES.

I HAVE A FEELING I CAN FIND LOTS OF RARE GOODIES IF I GO WITH YOU, POYO
SOUNDS LIKE FUN, POYO!! I WANNA GO WITH YOU, POYO!!
YOU WANNA TAG ALONG?
WOW, PLUE IS SOMETHING ELSE, POYO.
THAT'S OUR MASTER PLUE FOR YOU.
PUUN
BUT WHAT ABOUT THE TOLL TO GET THROUGH THE GATE? WE CAN'T HAVE HIM PAY FOR ABSOLUTELY EVERYTHING..
WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE WE WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT STARVING DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS..
WELCOME ABOARD, POYO.
DO I EVER, POYO!
PUUN
SPURT!
THE GATE... I OWN IT.
HUH?
WE DON'T HAVE TO PAY A TOLL, POYO

ALLOW ME TO HELP YOU CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES, MISS ELIE
I'M GONNA GO GET READY GUYS!
YIPPEE!!
WE OUGHTTA THROW A BIG "WELCOME ABOARD" PARTY FOR OUR NEW GUEST!"
HEY..THE WAY YOU GUYS SPEND, NO WONDER WE WENT BROKE..
SO THIS IS THE LITTLE COLLECTOR WHO BOUGHT THE IMPERIAL GATE FROM THE EMPIRE...


YOUR NAME'S LET, RIGHT, POYO?
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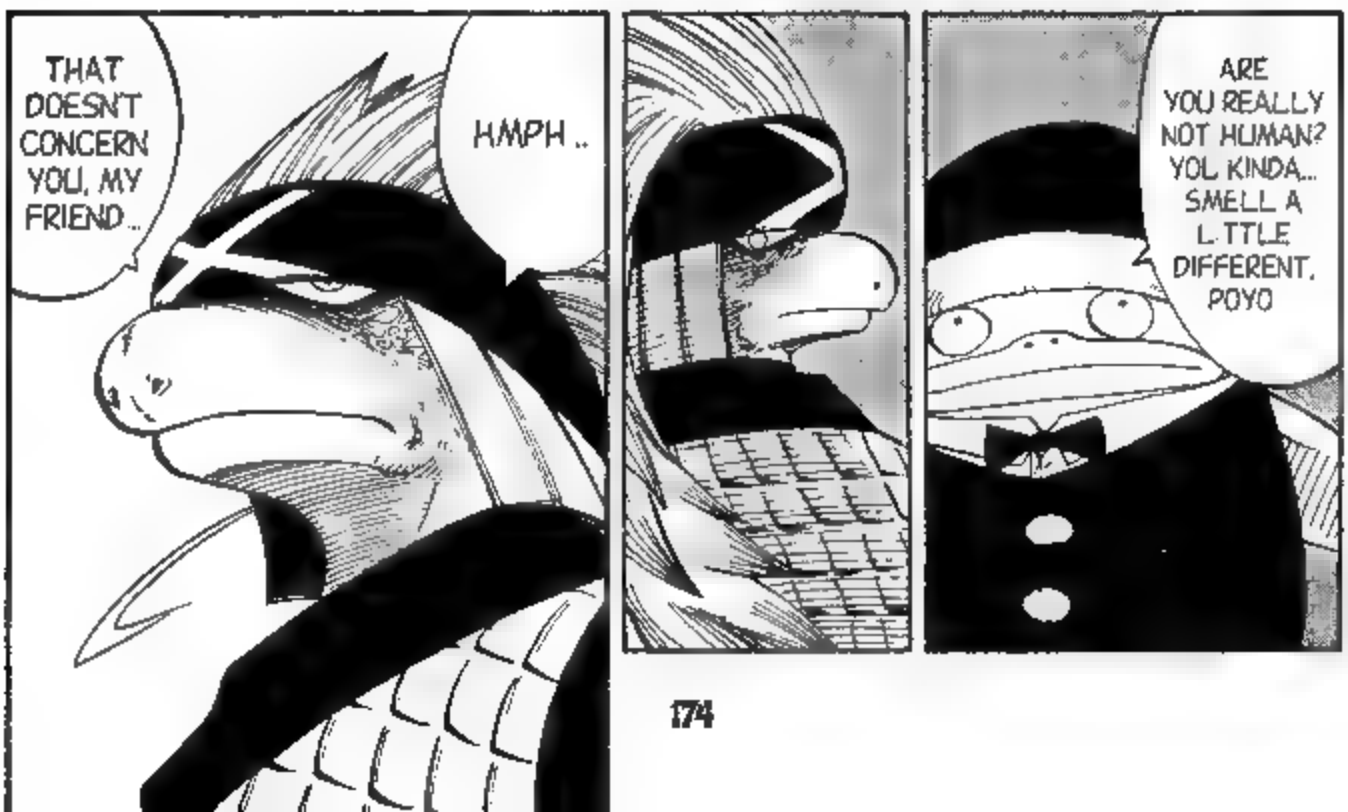
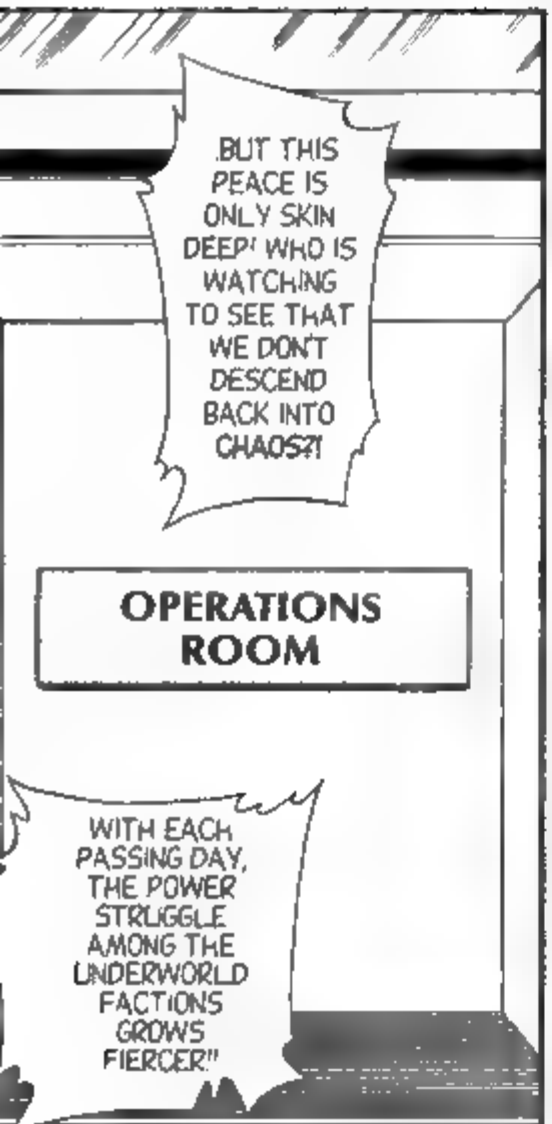
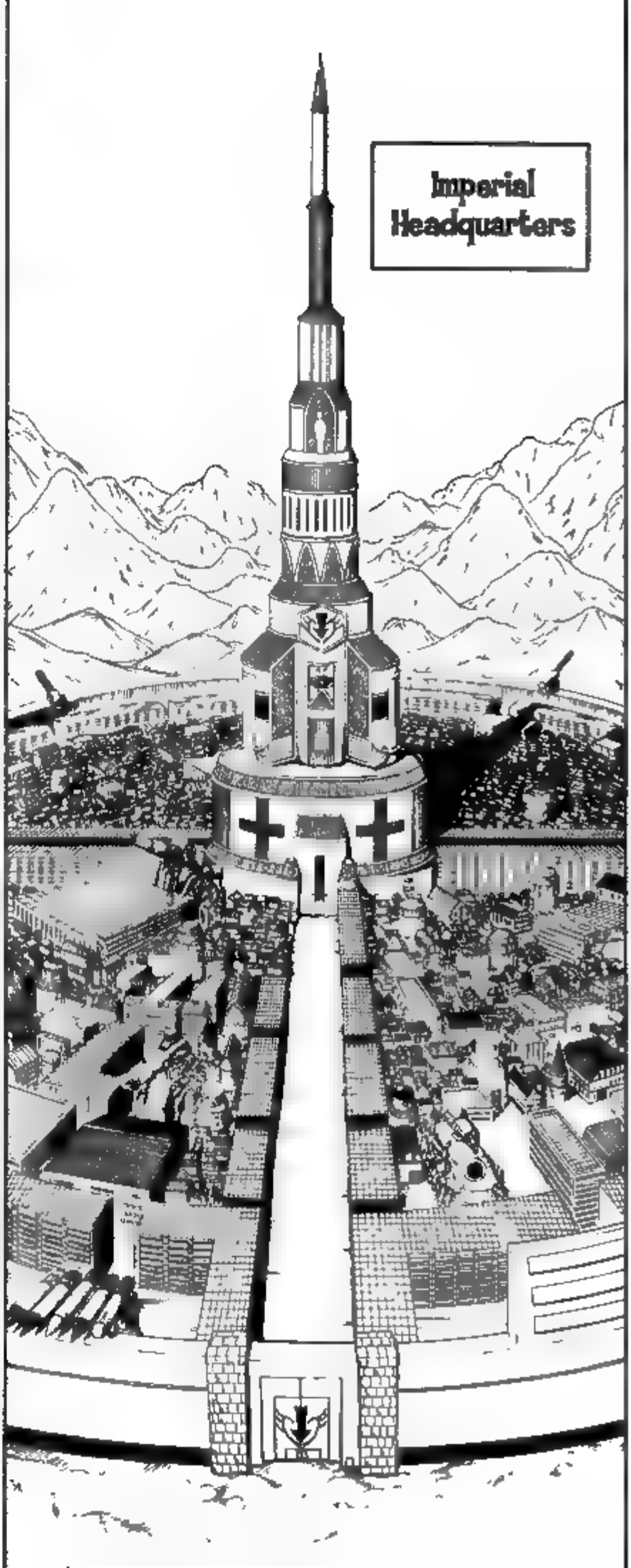
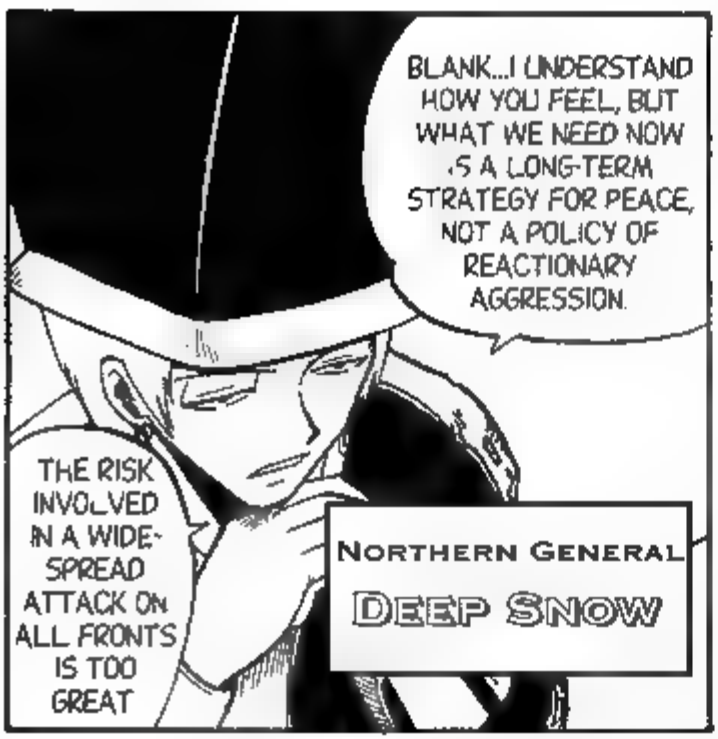

THAT DOESN'T CONCERN YOU, MY FRIEND..
HMPH ..
ARE YOU REALLY NOT HUMAN? YOU KINDA... SMELL A LITTLE DIFFERENT, POYO

SIX MONTHS HAVE GONE BY AND THE PEOPLE STILL CELEBRATE THEIR NEWFOUND PEACE


BUT THIS PEACE IS ONLY SKIN DEEP! WHO IS WATCHING TO SEE THAT WE DON'T DESCEND BACK INTO CHAOS?!
OPERATIONS ROOM
WITH EACH PASSING DAY, THE POWER STRUGGLE AMONG THE UNDERWORLD FACTIONS GROWS FIERCER!"

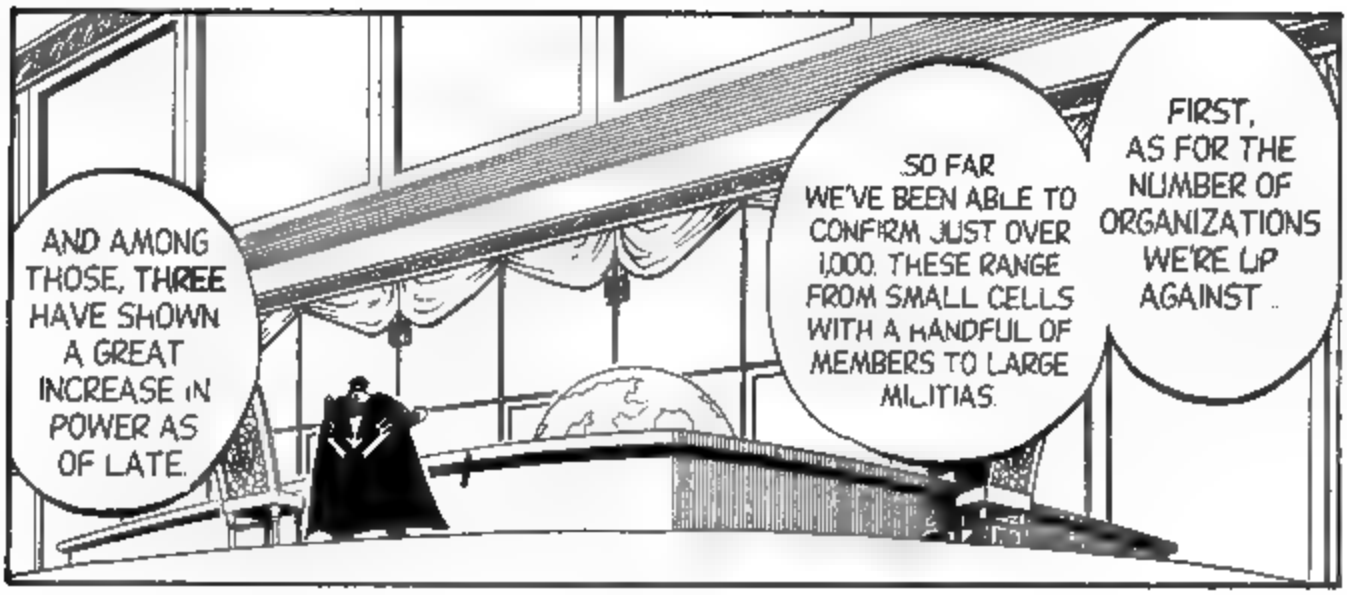

Imperial Headquarters

CALM DOWN, BLANK.
WE MUST STRIKE HARD AND FAST AGAINST THESE ORGANIZATIONS -TEACH THEM A LESSON!!
RIGHT NOW THE STRENGTH OF THE IMPERIAL ARMY, IS BEING TESTED!!


BLANK...I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL, BUT WHAT WE NEED NOW IS A LONG-TERM STRATEGY FOR PEACE, NOT A POLICY OF REACTIONARY AGGRESSION.
THE RISK INVOLVED IN A WIDE-SPREAD ATTACK ON ALL FRONTS IS TOO GREAT
NORTHERN GENERAL
DEEP SNOW

CALM? HOW CAN I BE CALM WHILE THOSE CRIMINALS CONTINUE TO MAKE FOOLS OUT OF US?!
HOW CAN WE COMMAND THE RESPECT OF THE PEOPLE AND THE FEAR OF THE UNDERWORLD WHEN WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO TOOK OUT DEMON CARD?!
SOUTHERN GENERAL
BLANK

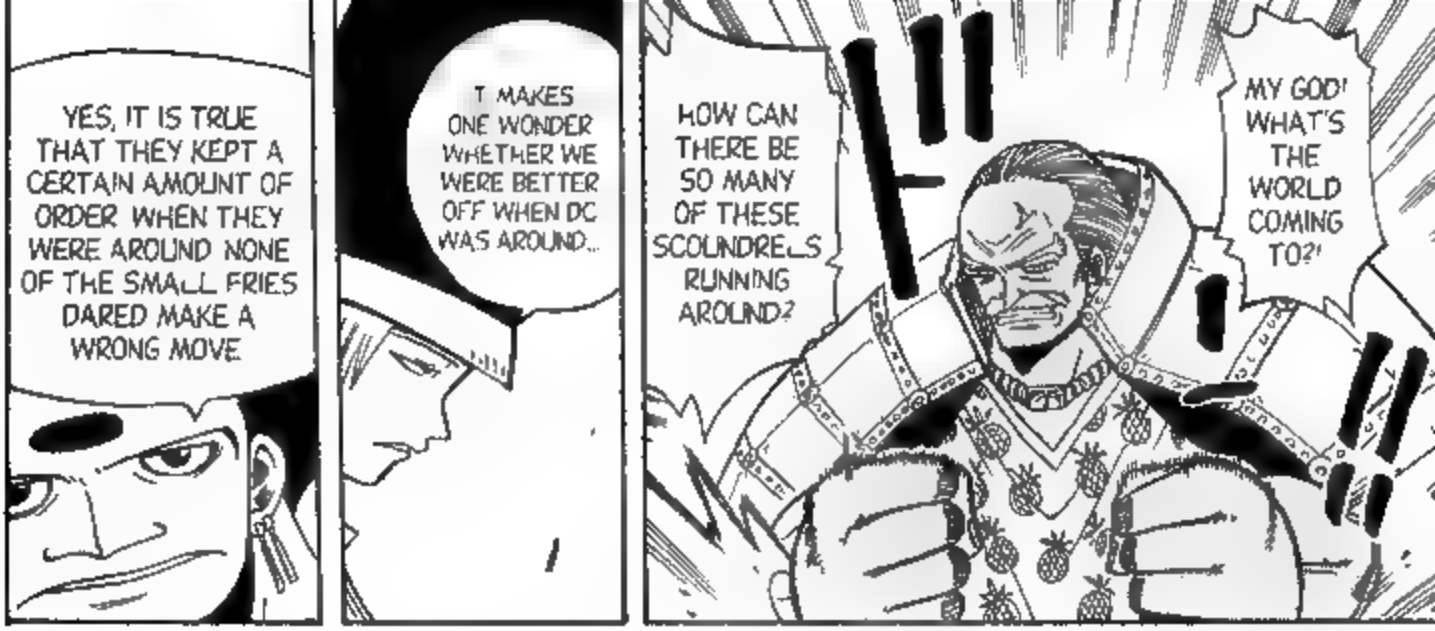
EASTERN GENERAL
WADA
DEEP SNOW IS RIGHT. LET ME EXPLAIN THE CURRENT SITUATION.

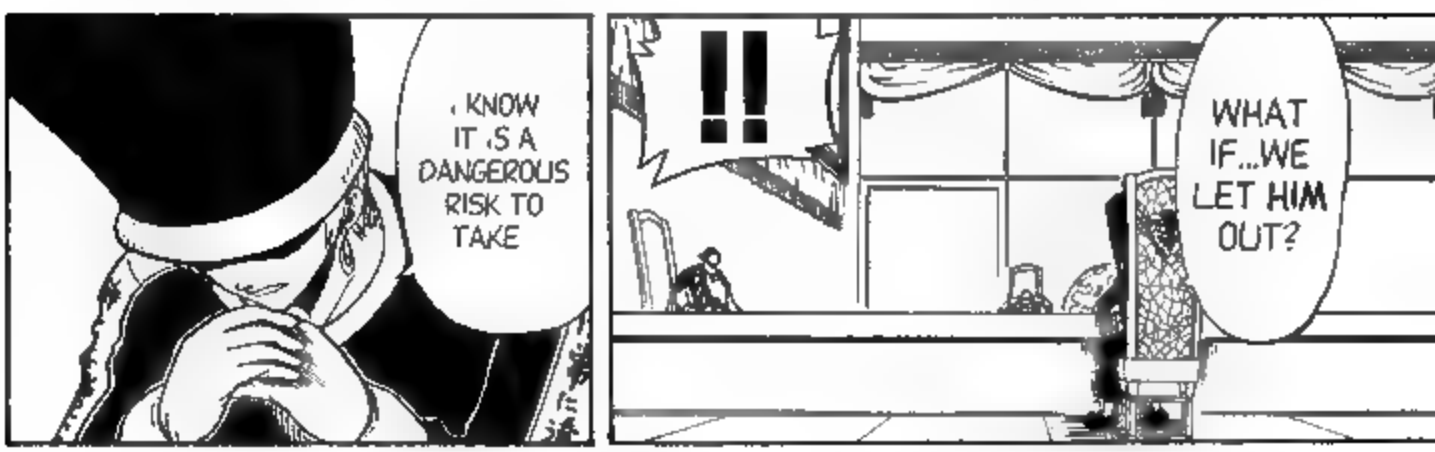

FIRST, AS FOR THE NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS WE'RE UP AGAINST..
SO FAR WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM JUST OVER 1,000. THESE RANGE FROM SMALL CELLS WITH A HANDFUL OF MEMBERS TO LARGE MILITIAS.
AND AMONG THOSE, THREE HAVE SHOWN A GREAT INCREASE IN POWER AS OF LATE.

THE THIRD GROUP IS CALLED THE BLUE GUARDIANS, PIRATES OF THE SKIES. NO ONE KNOWS THE WHEREABOUTS OF THEIR HQ-- THEY USUALLY TRAVEL BY SHIP, AND THEY ARE THE MOST UNRULY OF THE BUNCH.
AS THEIR REPUTATION WOULD SUGGEST, THEY ARE RUTHLESS, PLUNDERING AND PILLAGING WHEREVER THEY GO.
BLUE GUARDIANS
THEY HAVE WIPED OUT 136 OTHER TEAMS AND ARE CURRENTLY THE MOST DANGEROUS OF THE BUNCH

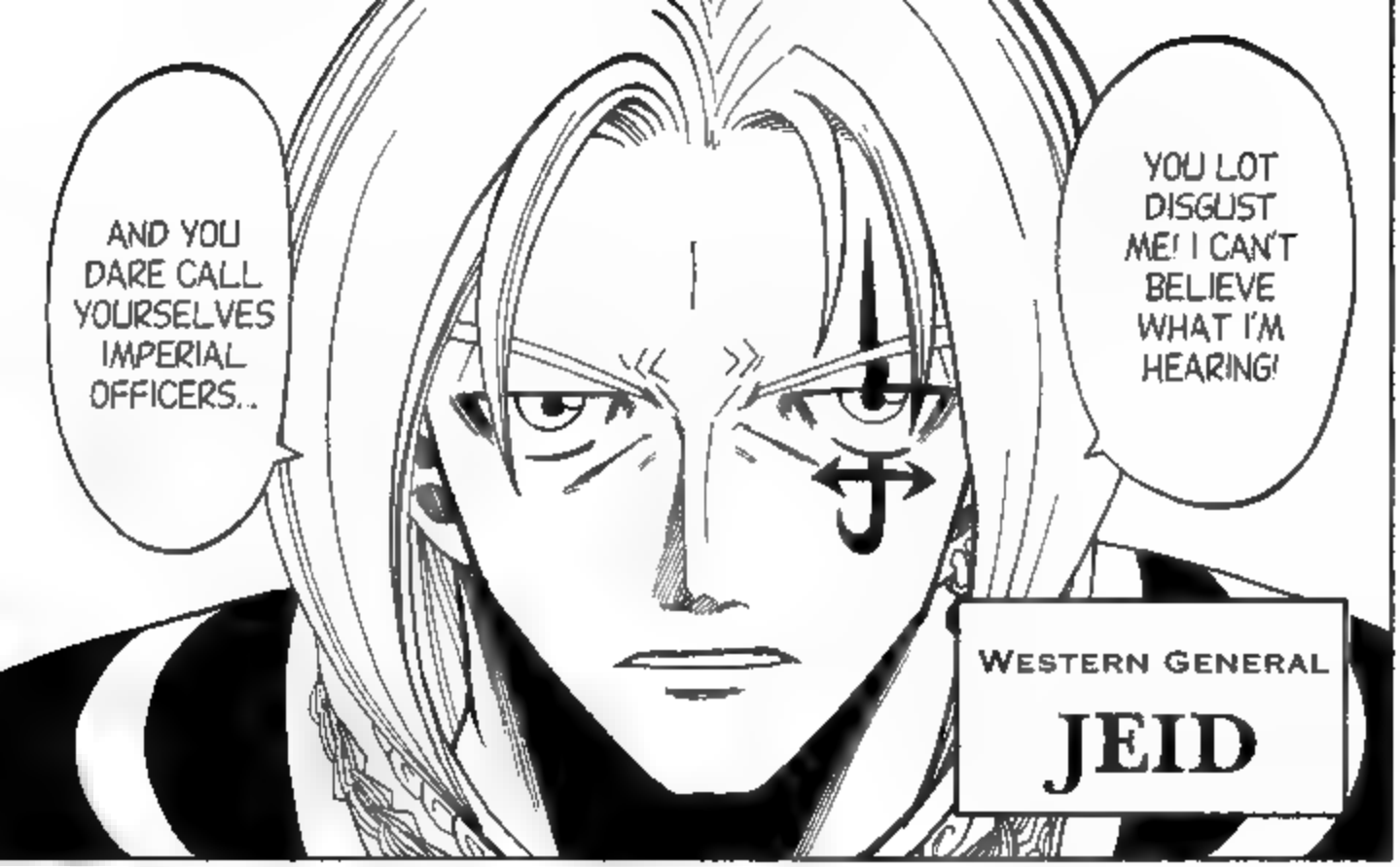
THE SECOND GROUP CALLS ITSELF ONIGAMI. THEY'RE BASED OUT OF SOUTHERN ALBANA.
ONIGAMI
ENEMIES
DORYU
THEY HAVE FOUGHT WITH THE DORYU GHOST ATTACK SQUAD TWO TIMES, BUT NOTHING HAS BEEN SETTLED AS OF YET
SO FAR, THEY HAVE WIPED OUT 24 OTHER TEAMS

FIRST IS THE DORYU GHOST ATTACK SQUAD. THEY HAVE NO PERMANENT HQ, PREFERRING INSTEAD TO KEEP OPERATING OUT OF A CONSTANTLY MOBILE SHIP. RUMOR HAS IT THEY HAVE A RICH SPONSOR BACKING THEM.
DORYU
IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS, THEY HAVE WIPED OUT 21 OTHER TEAMS. WE ARE TRYING TO TRACK DOWN WHO IT IS THAT IS SUPPORTING THEM.


YES, IT IS TRUE THAT THEY KEPT A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF ORDER WHEN THEY WERE AROUND NONE OF THE SMALL FRIES DARED MAKE A WRONG MOVE
IT MAKES ONE WONDER WHETHER WE WERE BETTER OFF WHEN DC WAS AROUND...
HOW CAN THERE BE SO MANY OF THESE SCOUNDRELS RUNNING AROUND?
MY GOD! WHAT'S THE WORLD COMING TO?!


I KNOW IT'S A DANGEROUS RISK TO TAKE
!!
WHAT IF...WE LET HIM OUT?

THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT HE COULD PUT AN END TO ALL OF THESE GROUPS FOR US, BUT IT'S JUST TOO RISKY
YES.. WHAT WOULD WE DO WITH HIM WHEN HE WAS DONE?
HE IS JUST A MAN. IF WE ATTACK HIM WITH ALL THE FIREPOWER OF THE IMPERIAL ARMY
BUT WHAT IF WE RELEASED HIM FROM THE DESERT PRISON MEGALITH
...THE DEVIL OF BASEMENT FLOOR 66?


AND YOU DARE CALL YOURSELVES IMPERIAL OFFICERS..
YOU LOT DISGUST ME! I CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT I'M HEARING!
WESTERN GENERAL
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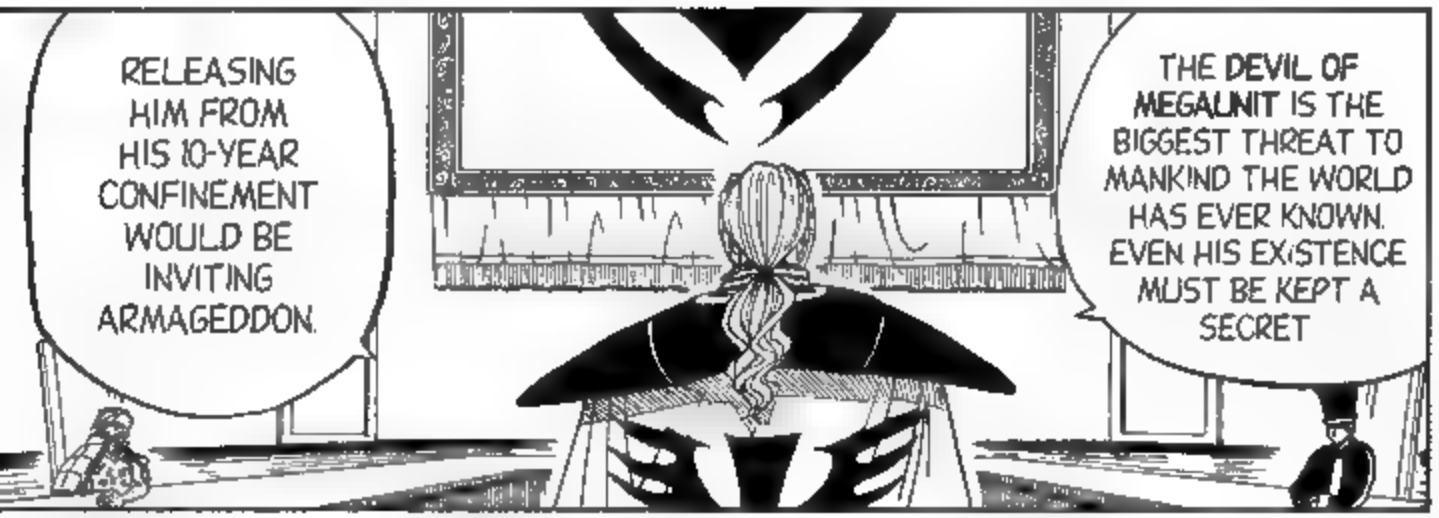
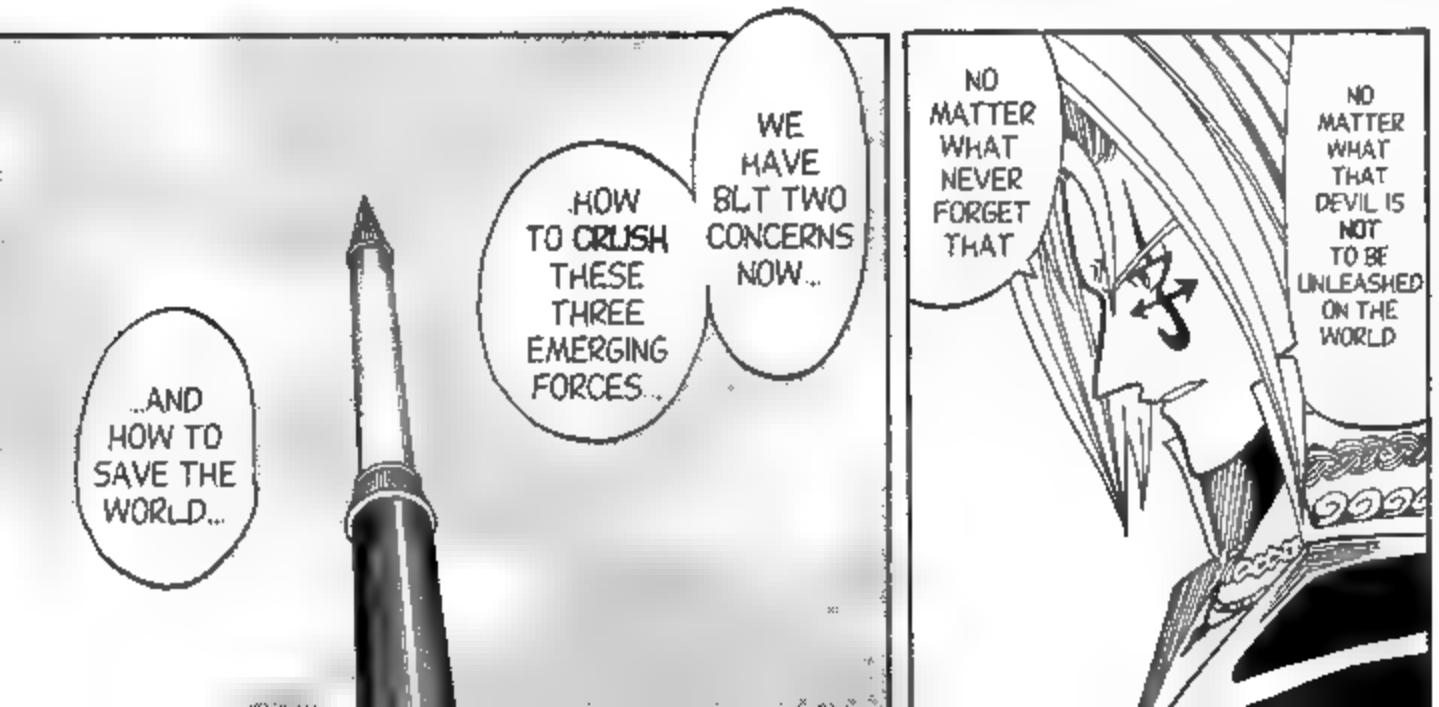

RELEASING HIM FROM HIS 10-YEAR CONFINEMENT WOULD BE INVITING ARMAGEDDON.
THE DEVIL OF MEGALINIT IS THE BIGGEST THREAT TO MANKIND THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN. EVEN HIS EXISTENCE MUST BE KEPT A SECRET


WE HAVE BUT TWO CONCERNS NOW..
HOW TO CRUSH THESE THREE EMERGING FORCES..
..AND HOW TO SAVE THE WORLD...
NO MATTER WHAT NEVER FORGET THAT
NO MATTER WHAT THAT DEVIL IS NOT TO BE UNLEASHED ON THE WORLD

Desert Prison a.k.a. MEGAUNIT
MEGAUNIT
WHAT COULD HAVE DONE THIS?
THIS WAS THE MOST SECURE FACILITY ON THE PLANET I CAN'T BELIEVE MY EYES.
LOOK AT THE DESTRUC-TION...
CAN YOU TELL ME MORE?
DEVIL?
H-HELP ME... HE'S GONNA GET ME
GASP
I DON'T WANNA DIE. DON'T WANNA DIE.
THE DEVIL... HE'S GONNA GET ME
GASP
WHAT HAP-PENED HERE?

TELL
ME
ALL

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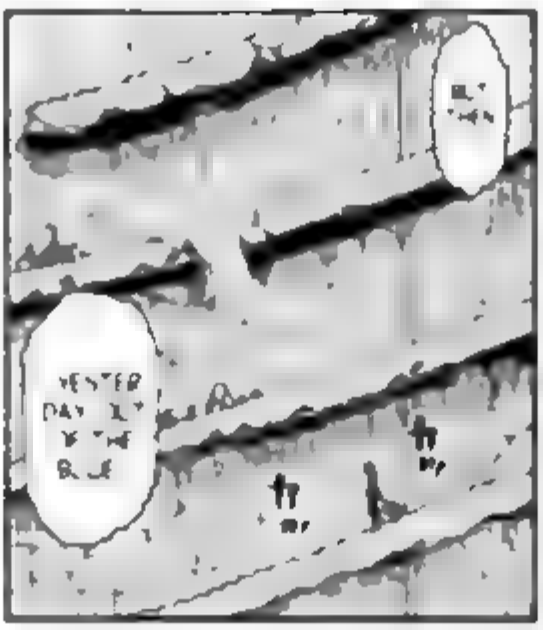

MEGALOMIT'S GUARDS TEN YEARS W THOUT A HITCH EVERYTHING WAS PERFECT

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FOR HIM BUSTING OUT WAS A PIECE OF CAKE
HE ESCAPED

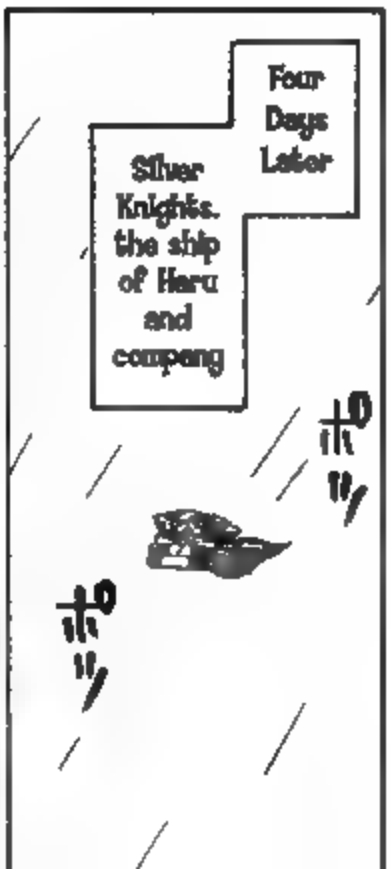
I AM TO SUCCEED MY FATHER
THAT'S A LITTLE TOO MUCH
SACRIFICE
EVERYONE... EVERYONE... WAS KILLED
BLEED
ATONEMENT
RAGNAROK
PUNISHMENT
DEATH DEATH DEATH
I WANT TO KNOW WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO KILL A MAN!!
SIN
CONQUEST
BLOODY
WORLD
AN AGGRESSOR
AN ACT OF VIOLENCE
WAR
DEATH!!!
PRAYER
FATE
AND NOW.. THE WHOLE WORLD.. WILL DIE...
..AT HIS HANDS
SUGGESTIO
HEAVEN AND EARTH
EVIL
DIE
666

"...ON...TO... SYMPHONIA..."
THIS IS WHAT HE SAID...

SYM-PHONIA, HUH?
THE DEVIL FROM B66.

I GOTTA BRING IN THE LAUNDRY
FIGURES... AND THEY SAID IT WAS GONNA BE SUNNY TODAY

AH!
IT'S RAINING


Four Days Later
Silver Knights. the ship of Haru and company

WE MADE IT
HUH? YOU OWN THE IMPERIAL GATE AND YET YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN THROUGH IT BEFORE?
NOPE, POYO
THIS IS SO EXCITING, POYO!
SYMPHONIA, HERE WE COME.
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE NEARING THE DEATH STORM.
EVERYONE!! COME QUICK!! THERE ARE TWO UNIDENTIFIED SHIPS ON OUR TAIL!!
FU HA HA HA HA. SORRY TO SPOIL YOUR FUN, BUT WE'RE BRINGING IN THIS RAVE MASTER'S HEAD NOW BACK OFF!!
WE'VE GOT HIM NOW--THAT'S THE RAVE MASTER'S SHIP ALL RIGHT
THAT WOULD SEEM TO BE THE CASE.
THEY'RE NOT GONNA ATTACK US, ARE THEY?
WHY THEY GOTTA COME AFTER ME?
I KNOW THEM. THE HELL KILLERS SKY PIRATES AND THE DRUID GANG!!
FU HA HA HA!! THAT'S SOME PRETTY BIG TALK THERE, MONKEY-BRAINS!! WHY DON'T I JUST SHOW YOU MY DB!
THANK AHAN BUDDY. THIS IS THE PERFECT CHANCE TO MAKE A NAME FOR OURSELVES!! YOU GET IN THE WAY WE'LL KILL YOU, TOO

WH-WHAT THE-?!
N-NOOOOO!!
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KYAAH-
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-IGAPPPP
N-NO, POYO..
THIS IS
TH-THEY DISAP-PEARED?
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOIN' ON HERE?!
EH?!

...THE MIGHT OF DORYU, POYO.

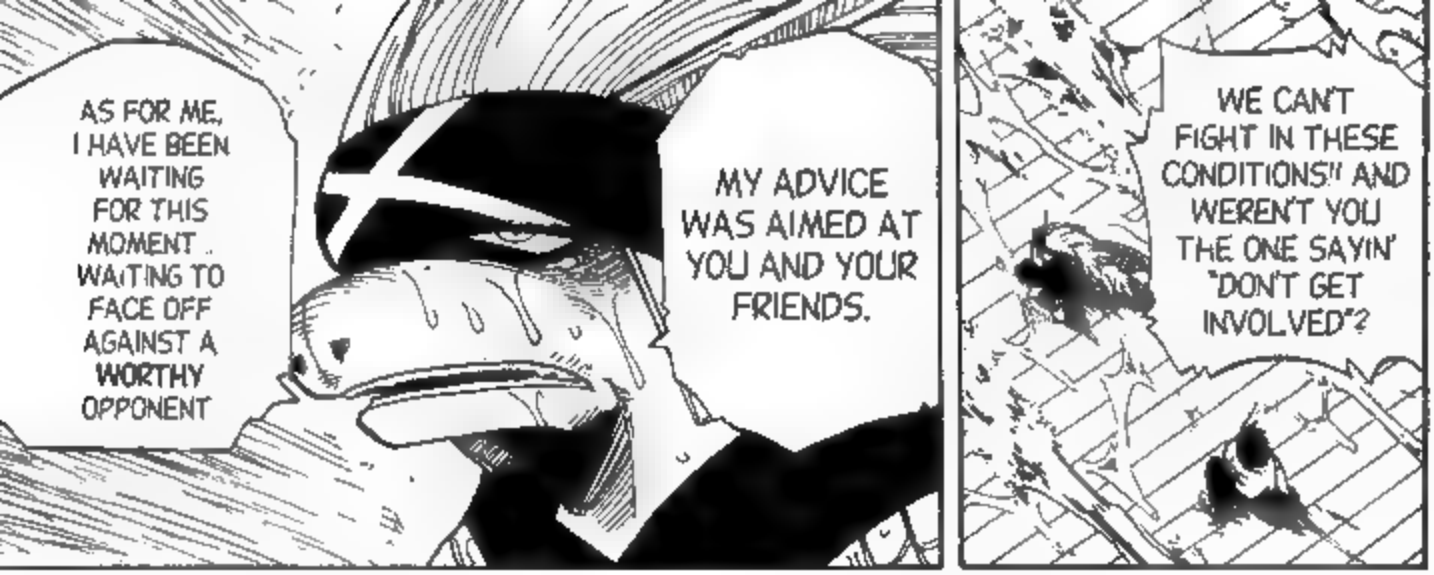
CHECK OUT THE SIZE OF THAT SHIP, MAN!!
IT'S THE DORYU GHOST ATTACK SQUAD!!

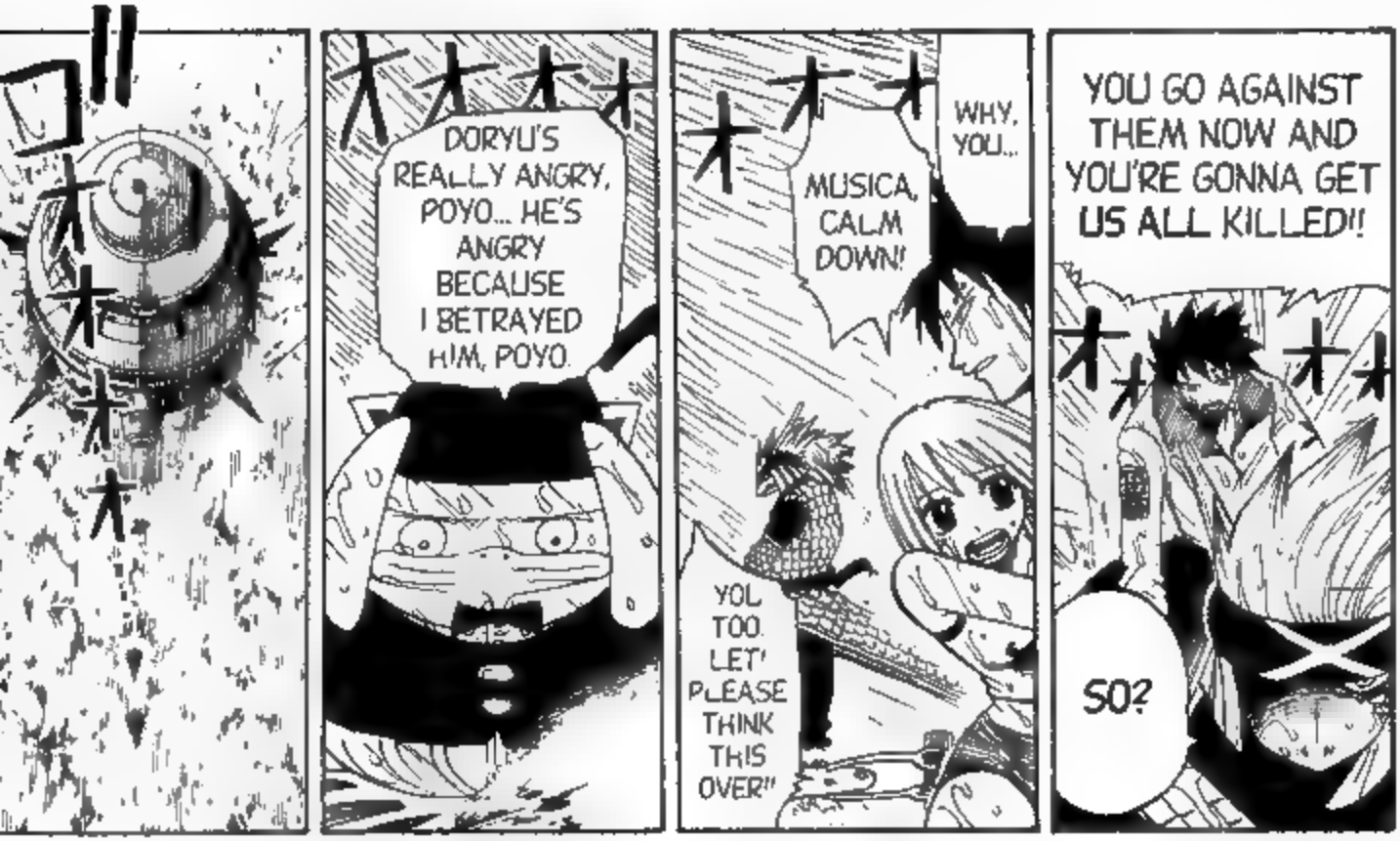
AND THEY'VE GOT RUBY WITH THEM TOO
SO WE MEET AGAIN, RAVE MASTER

WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO FIGHT

WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT THEM?
WE'RE GETTING CLOSE TO THE EMPIRE GATE!! THIS STORM'S GETTING PRETTY ROUGH!!

UGH
UWAAH
EEEEK!


AS FOR ME, I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS MOMENT.. WAITING TO FACE OFF AGAINST A WORTHY OPPONENT
MY ADVICE WAS AIMED AT YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS.
WE CAN'T FIGHT IN THESE CONDITIONS!! AND WEREN'T YOU THE ONE SAYIN' "DON'T GET INVOLVED"?


DORYU'S REALLY ANGRY, POYO... HE'S ANGRY BECAUSE I BETRAYED HIM, POYO.
WHY, YOU...
MUSICA, CALM DOWN!!
YOU, TOO. LET' PLEASE THINK THIS OVER!!
YOU GO AGAINST THEM NOW AND YOU'RE GONNA GET US ALL KILLED!!
SO?

I'M TIRED OF LOOKING AT THEM.
YES, SIR, MASTER DORYU!!
I WANT THEM ERASED
FIRE THE MAIN CANNON.
YES-BUT SIR--NO WARNING SHOT?

トゥ!!
ZOOM

WATCH OUT!! THEYRE FIRING ON US!!
HEB!, TAKE US UP!! HURRY!!

!

OH NO!! THE EMPIRE GATE!!
NO WAY !!

.....
THAT'S WHY WE SHOULD FIGHT
TURN AROUND? INTO THE GUNS OF DORYU'S SHIP?
DAMMIT! NOW WE'LL NEVER GET TO SYMPHONIA!
MAYBE WE COULD TURN AROUND AND FIND ANOTHER WAY IN!

LET'S HEAD FOR SYMPHONIA.
WE'LL CUT RIGHT THROUGH THE DEATH STORM!!

SURE WE CAN.
ARE YOU CRAZY?! THAT'S SUICIDE!! I'D RATHER DIE FIGHTING THAN GO OUT LIKE THAT!!
THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN MAKE IT THROUGH THIS STORM!

WE'RE GOING TO WHERE THE RAVE STONES WERE BORN.
WE HAVE TO MAKE IT.

I KNOW THEY'LL PROTECT US

AND I'M SURE THE RAVES WANT US TO SEE SYMPHONIA AS WELL...

WE'RE BUSTING THROUGH THE DEATH STORM!!
LET'S DO THIS!!
TO BE CONTINUED

Character Profiles

FIRST GENERATION RAVE MASTER: KENSEI SWORD SAINT SHIBA

① RAVE AND SWORD (TEN COMMANDMENTS)
② 11/18/9992 / 23YR
③ 177CM / 61KG / AB
④ GARAGE ISLAND
⑤ PRACTICING SWORDSMANSHIP
⑥ CAN CRY ANYPLACE, ANYTIME
⑦ HOMETOWN (GARAGE ISLAND)
⑧ FOUR KNIGHTS OF THE BLUE SKY

MASTER OF ETHERION: RESHA VALENTINE, THE DANCER

① NONE
② 1/1/0000 / 15YR
③ 159CM / 45KG / O
④ KINGDOM OF SYMPHONIA
⑤ DANCING
⑥ DANCING; WIELDING POWER OF ETHERION
⑦ FREEDOM
⑧ WAR

THE BEST BLACKSMITH ON SONG: GALEIN MUSICA

① HAMMER
② 10/4/9998 / 17YR
③ 178CM / 65KG / B
④ PUNK STREET
⑤ BOOZE AND WOMEN
⑥ NOBODY ON THE CONTINENT CAN MAKE A BETTER SWORD
⑦ SWORDS AND HAMMERS
⑧ WEIRD APPRENTICES

ORIGINAL OWNER OF CAFE TSUBOMI: BOTON

① SWORD
② 8/22/9992 / 23YR
③ 177CM / 72KG / A
④ GARAGE ISLAND
⑤ PRACTICING SWORDSMANSHIP
⑥ MAKING COFFEE
⑦ SHIBA, YURI
⑧ THE CURRENT GENERATION (0015)

OWNER OF EDEL LAKE, THE FLYING CASINO: RUBY

① BELL..? IT'S A MYSTERY
② 4/1/0057 / 10YR
③ 75CM / 30KG / ?
④ UNKNOWN
⑤ COLLECTING RARE ITEMS
⑥ APPRAISING VALUABLE ITEMS
⑦ ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING RARE, LATELY PLUE
⑧ DORYU GHOST ATTACK SQUAD

KEY

① WEAPON ② BIRTHDAY/AGE ③ HEIGHT / WEIGHT BLOOD TYPE ④ BIRTHPLACE
⑤ HOBBIES ⑥ SPECIAL ABILITY ⑦ LIKES ⑧ HATES

ABOUT THE CHARACTERS

THERE WERE LOTS OF NEW FACES THIS TIME AROUND, BUT THE ONLY ONE FROM THIS ISSUE I'M GOING TO INTRODUCE HERE IS RUBY!! I AIN'T LETTING THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG ABOUT THE REST OF THEM JUST YET! BUT BEFORE WE GET TO HIM, LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT SOME OF THE OLD-TIMERS.

FIRST UP, SHIBA. OVER THE COURSE OF THE STORY, HE TURNS OUT TO BE QUITE THE COOL DUDE. YOU KNOW, I REALLY WANTED TO MAKE HIM INTO MORE OF A SISSY, CRYING LIKE "MMGAWW" ALL THE TIME, BUT YOU KNOW... GUESS THAT JUST WOULDN'T DO, THOUGH, HUH? (HA HA)

I TRIED MY BEST TO DRAW RESHA AS CUTE AS POSSIBLE. YOU LIKE? I TOOK SPECIAL CARE WITH HER. SHE IS THE PERSON RAVE WAS NAMED FOR, AFTER ALL. I GET ASKED A LOT "HOW ARE ELIE AND RESHA RELATED?" C'MON--CUT ME SOME SLACK! I CAN'T GIVE THAT AWAY! (HA HA)

NOT MUCH ABOUT GALEIN MUSICA CAME OUT IN THE STORY, BUT THE SWORD OF THE WORLD HE WAS TALKING ABOUT TURNS OUT TO BE THE TEN POWERS. HIS APPRENTICE IS CREEPY.

BOTON IS GENMA'S OLD MAN. I TRIED MAKING HIM HAVE THE EXACT OPPOSITE PERSONALITY AS GENMA. INCIDENTALLY, "BOTON" MEANS "TSUBOMI" ("BUD" - NAME OF HIS CAFE) IN SOME LANGUAGE SOMEWHERE IN THE WORLD.

AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, OUR NEWBIE, RUBY. WHY IN THE WORLD IS THIS GUY WITH HARU AND THEM, ANYWAY? (HA HA) I GUESS SINCE THIS WAS A NEW STORY ARC AND ALL, I WANTED TO BOOST UP THE NUMBER OF WEIRD CHARACTERS, LIKE PLUE AND GRIFF, SO I MADE UP RUBY AND KIND OF FORCED HIM ON HARU AND THE GANG. "WHAT'S 'POYO', ANYWAY?" I GET THAT A LOT... I'M NOT REALLY SURE, MYSELF. (HA HA) GUESS IT'S LIKE THE SOUND OF BOUNCING...POYO, POYO.

"AFTERWORDS"

THIS IS VOLUME 10. I'VE MET MY GOAL (SEE THE AFTERWORD IN VOLUME 2). THANK YOU--THANK YOU VERY MUCH! NO, THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU, TOO, OVER THERE IN THE CORNER. I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT ALL OF YOUR WARM SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT. FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART, THANKS A MILLION! I PRAY FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT, POYO!!

ALL RIGHT. I GUESS I SHOULD PROBABLY WRITE ABOUT THE KNIGHTS OF KINGDOM A BIT. WITH THE FIRST AND SECOND HALF, THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I HAD WRITTEN A COMPLETE "SHORT STORY." IT WAS A LOT TOUGHER THAN I IMAGINED. THIS PIECE STARTED AS SOME VAGUE IDEAS I'VE HAD SINCE RAVE MASTER STARTED, SOMETHING I THOUGHT ALL ALONG I'D LIKE TO DO AS A SORT OF SPINOFF. SO HERE YOU HAVE IT, FOLKS. I'M VERY SATISFIED WITH IT AND I HOPE YOU ARE, TOO.

ACTUALLY, I WISH I COULD HAVE HAD SOME MORE PAGES TO WORK WITH. THERE WERE SEVERAL SCENES I HAD TO CUT OUT, AS PAINFUL AS IT WAS. STUFF LIKE SHIBA WORKING ON HIS SWORDSMANSHIP BY HIMSELF ON GARAGE ISLAND, OR ONE WHERE RESHA'S WRITING GRAFFITI ON THE SYMPHONIA FLAG AND A FASHION DESIGNER HAPPENS TO WALK BY AND SEE THIS, TAKING IT AS INSPIRATION FOR THE BRAND HEART KREUSS (THE CLOTHING BRAND ELIE ALWAYS WEARS). I CRIED AS I CUT OUT THESE PRECIOUS SCENES FROM THE STORY. WELL, EVEN SO, I THINK IT TURNED OUT WELL. ALSO, HERE'S ANOTHER SECRET. THERE ARE STILL SOME MYSTERIES HIDDEN INSIDE THE K.O.K.--UNFORTUNATELY, I CANNOT UNRAVEL THOSE MYSTERIES AT THIS TIME. ACTUALLY, I WAS TRYING TO WRITE IT SO AS TO HIDE THESE LITTLE MYSTERIES ANYWAY. CONSIDER IT A PRESENT FROM ME TO YOU. A NICE BUNDLE OF MYSTERIES, TO COMMEMORATE THE TENTH VOLUME. HIDDEN AMONG THEM IS PART OF WHAT COULD BE CONSIDERED THE ULTIMATE RAVE MYSTERY. AND SOMEWHERE, SOMETIME, IT WILL CONNECT WITH THAT MYSTERY. I DESIGNED IT SO THAT WHEN THAT HAPPENS, YOU CAN COME BACK AND READ THE K.O.K. SIDE STORY AND YOU CAN SAY TO YOURSELF, "AH, NOW I GET IT!" BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO BE PATIENT. SO, THIS ABOUT WRAPS IT UP FOR ME... SEE YOU AGAIN IN VOLUME 11, POYO!!

PS. THE NUMBERMEN (1-8) ARE HIDING INSIDE K.O.K. THIS TIME THEY'RE PRETTY HIGH-CLASS! ESPECIALLY NUMBER 8! CAN YOU FIND THEM?

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